

ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO.9

AGENDA

October 13, 2025

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Ellis County Emergency Services District #9 will be held on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM at Huey Baron fire station located at 165 S. Sherman St. Palmer, TX for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order;

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Burns asked that we observe a moment of silence in memory of Commissioner N. Prewitt.

2. Determination of quorum;

All four commissioners were present

3. Recognize any guest;

Mayor L. Miller, Chief Medina and Assistant Chief Townley were recognized.

4. Public Comment: Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes on items not on the current agenda for a collective total of 15 minutes. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment on items not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy. Any deliberation or decision by the Board will be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda.

N/A

5. Public Comment on agenda items: Members of the public may speak on an agenda item after comments on the item are called for by the presiding officer, but before Board discussion and consideration of the item. Individual members of the public may address the Board once per item for a maximum of three minutes per person per agenda item.

N/A

REPORTS

6. Receive monthly report from Treasurer and consider:

- (a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices:

The following invoices were presented: Gexa \$480.74/VFD \$891.79/Motorola \$3,780.87/TripepiSmith \$4,171.25/ Southwest Printing \$1,347.20/FuelMan \$411.52/Daco \$11,123.50. It was noted that we will end the fiscal year with a balance of +/- \$933,000 less the balance still

owed on the brush trucks. And it was noted that we received our final WEX invoice showing that we owed nothing. G. Penny made motion to approve all bills and invoices as presented. Z. Zett seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- (b) approval of monthly financial report

G. Penny made motion to accept the financial report as presented. Z. Zett seconded the motion. Motion carried

7. Receive monthly report from Palmer fire department personnel regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, equipment, apparatus, and fire station, and take any related action:

Chief Medina reported that there were 61 calls received with 27 calls run. There were 4 EMS/10 Grass fires/ 1 Structure fire/1 Hazmat/7 MVA/4 Vehicle fires.YTD there have been 618 calls with 320 run.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and consider approval of September 8,2025 regular meeting minutes;

Z. Zett made motion to approve the minutes. D. Wynn seconded. Motion carried

9. Discuss and consider engagement of an auditor to perform audit for Fiscal Year 2025;

Z. Zett made motion to engage the audit services of YWRD. D. Wynn seconded. Motion carried

10. Review and approve quarterly investment report for 3rd quarter;

This item was tabled until our November 10th meeting

11. Discuss and consider for possible action securing financing of second brush truck, previously approved for purchase;

After thoroughly discussing all options, Commissioners agreed to pay off the both brush trucks. Z. Zett made motion. G. Penny seconded. Motion carried

12. Discuss and consider for possible action securing financing for new chassis for Rescue Truck;

G. Penny made motion to approach Prosperity Bank about this financing. Z. Zett seconded. Motion carried

13. Discuss and consider best options to finance replacement for blown engine in Rescue Truck;

No action was taken on this item.

14. Discuss and consider approving Interlocal Agreement with City of Palmer for use of the City barn property for volunteer fire department training purposes, and to store up to three (3) shipping containers for the storing of fire department related equipment at the facility located at 130 W. FM Road 813;

Mayor Miller said she will send our redlined changes to the City's' attorney for final approval and then take it to the Council. Mayor Miller stated that she would provide Fire Department and ESD with our own code for access. Mayor Miller stressed that we provide notice prior to gaining access each time we plan to utilize the area. Mayor Miller said that an email to her would suffice. Waiting to hear back that Agreement has been approved.

15. Discuss and consider for possible action the purchase of up to three (3) shipping containers. See item 14 above. This item was Tabled from our September meeting;

Chief Medina informed the Commissioners that he could secure two 40' containers at \$2100 each and one 20' container for \$1900. He also suggested we purchase gravel to set the trailers on to keep the bottoms from rusting out. G. Penny made motion to spend up to \$10,000 for this project. Z. Zett seconded the motion. Motion carried

16. Discuss required training hours for Commissioners;

As all Commissioners are current on their required Continuing Education except for the newest Commissioner, D. Wynn who will get his training ours in January, no action was taken.

17. Consider attendance at Texas State Association of Fire and Emergency Services District (SAFE-D) Annual Conference January 29-31, 2026, at the Henry B. González Convention Center in San Antonio, Texas;

It is anticipated that all Commissioners will be in attendance.

18. Discuss and receive updates on projects and items impacting Board from President;

P. Burns discussed the need to fill the vacancy due to the passing of N. Prewitt. He mentioned that there were several names being considered. P. Burns discussed the new SAM upgrade which is available for the digital pump handle. He also told the Chief and Assistant Chief that they could go see the 3,000-gallon Tender down in Angus, as it is

very similar to what we will be receiving. P. Burns also informed the Board that Justin needs training before FRO can be put into place. This training will require that Justin take an eight hour course.

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:51pm

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