

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

NOVEMBER 14, 2022

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Commissioners was held on November 14, 2022, in the Upshur County Courtroom, Upshur County Courthouse, 100 W. Tyler Street, Gilmer, Texas.

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:


- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Marc Nichols.
- 2) **Call meeting to order, Roll Call of Board and establish quorum.** Marc Nichols called the meeting to order. Marc Nichols determined a quorum was present with Michael Kuza, Scott Mischnick, Cloddie Henson, and Bobby Jenkins present.
- 3) **To receive public comment.** Jeff Sorrentino addressed the issue regarding the identification cards.
- 4) **To read and take action on approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held October 10, 2022.** Motion was made by Cloddie Henson and second by Bobby Jenkins to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **To discuss and take action on the new station for Harmony VFD.** Motion was made by Michael Kuza with a second by Scott Mischnick to have a special meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Harmony Fire Station with the contractors. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **To accept and sign Contract for Services between the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 and Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 2.** Motion by Bobby Jenkins with a second by Michael Kuza to accept and sign the contract. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **To discuss Pritchett VFD in regards to the TFS grant.** No action. This item to be added to the Special meeting agenda for November 17, 2022.
- 8) **To pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of October, 2022.** Motion by Cloddie Henson and second by Scott Mischnick to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of October, 2022 in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

- 9) **To pay bills for the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by Bobby Jenkins to pay the following bills as submitted. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

ETEX Telephone	\$ 104.95
Terri Ross (October Bookkeeping/Clerical)	\$ 750.00
VFIS (Property & Casualty addition)	\$ 651.00

- 10) **To pay bills for Bettie VFD as submitted and approved.** Chief Kuza proposed to the Board that the ESD cover expenses he had incurred from the result of issues with a tanker that was given to his department in the amount of \$7,166.64. Motion by Bobby Jenkins with a second by Cloddie Henson that the ESD pay these expenses and not to be deducted from Bettie VFD budget. Motion failed with vote being 2 for, 2 against, and 1 abstaining. Motion by Cloddie Henson with a second by Scott Mischnick to pay all bills submitted in the amount of \$8,599.47 out of the Bettie VFD budget with the consideration down the road if Bettie runs out of money at the end of the year we will add to the budget. Motion carried 3-0 with 2 abstaining.
- 11) **To pay bills for East Mountain VFD (station #1 and station #2) as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza with a second by Bobby Jenkins to pay East Mountain VFD (Station #1) in the amount of \$17,077.77 and pay East Mountain VFD (Station #2) in the amount of \$3,250.76. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 12) **To pay bills for Ewell VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Bobby Jenkins with a second by Cloddie Henson to pay Ewell VFD in the amount of \$4,253.12. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 13) **To pay bills for Harmony VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza with a second by Scott Mischnick to pay Harmony VFD in the amount of \$1,046.89. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 14) **To pay bills for Pleasant Grove VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Cloddie Henson with a second by Bobby Jenkins to pay Pleasant Grove VFD in the amount of \$1,840.67. Motion carried 4-0 with Scott Mischnick abstaining.
- 15) **To pay bills for Pritchett VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Scott Mischnick with a second by Michael Kuza to pay Pritchett VFD in the amount of \$6,112.10. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 16) **To pay bills for Simpsonville VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Cloddie Henson with a second by Bobby Jenkins to not pay Simpsonville VFD. Motion carried 4-0 with Marc Nichols abstaining.

- 17) **To pay bills for West Mountain VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by Cloddie Henson to pay West Mountain VFD in the amount of \$9,685.30. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 18) **To review and take action on any insurance claim pay outs to rural departments.** No action taken.
- 19) **To review and take action on any grant reimbursement requests submitted.** No action.
- 20) **To review and take action on any budget amendments.** No action taken.
- 21) **To review and discuss any items to be considered for next month's agenda.** Address fuel policy and general discussion on submitting bills.
- 22) **Adjournment.** Motion by Scott Mischnick and second by Cloddie Henson to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: President

Date: 12-12-22