

# UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

OCTOBER 5, 2020  
7:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Directors was held on October 5, 2020, at the Gilmer Civic Center, Hwy. 271 North, Gilmer, Texas.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened by Gaston DeBerry, III at 7:02 p.m.
- 2) **Call to order.** Gaston DeBerry, III called the meeting to order.
- 3) **Determine quorum present.** Gaston DeBerry, III determined a quorum was present with Ricky Evans, Jr. being absent.
- 4) **Read and approve the minutes from the Special meeting held September 28, 2020.**  
Motion was made by Shelby Henderson and second by David Tackett to approve the minutes from the Special meeting held September 28, 2020. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public Comment.** Chief Jerry Taylor with the City of Gilmer announced that he had masks available to all departments. Chief Michael Kuza with the Bettie VFD questioned what were the intentions of the Board regarding the absent Board member. There was discussion regarding the West Mountain VFD new truck and if the department was to make monthly payments towards said truck.
- 6) **Discuss and take action concerning Glenwood VFD.** Members of the audience spoke regarding concerns with the Glenwood VFD. Discussion only. No action taken.
- 7) **Discuss and take action on rural fire department contracts for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.**  
Motion was made by Marc Nichols and second by Shelby Henderson to accept, sign and approve the contracts submitted. The departments need to sign and have the contracts returned by the November regular meeting. Otherwise, their funds will be limited. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 8) **Pay bills for the Upshur County Emergency Services District as submitted and approved.**  
Motion was made by Shelby Henderson and second by David Tackett to pay the following bills submitted and approved. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Upshur County Tax Assessor	\$2,792.00
ETEX Telephone	\$ 104.95
Penguin Management	\$5,856.00
Gatons Surveying and Mapping	\$ 675.00
The Knox Company	\$9,332.00
Lennis Design, LLC	\$2,072.50
Ruth Duke	\$ 62.02
Terri Ross	\$ 681.95
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R & L Bookkeeping	\$ 550.00

- 9) **Pay bills for the individual fire departments excluding Diana, Harmony, and Simpsonville as submitted and approved.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Shelby Henderson to pay the bills submitted by the following rural fire departments as submitted and approved. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Bettie VFD - \$1,693.70  
 East Mountain - \$19,673.25  
 Ewell VFD - \$4,387.90  
 Gilmer National Bank for Ewell VFD - \$2,119.65  
 Pleasant Grove VFD - \$17,984.36  
 Pritchett VFD - \$13,335.52  
 West Mountain VFD - \$7,511.95

- 10) **Pay bills for Diana VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Marc Nichols and second by Shelby Henderson to pay bills for Diana VFD in the amount of \$26,505.89. Motion carried 3-1 in favor with David Tackett abstaining.

- 11) **Pay bills for Harmony VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to pay bills for Harmony VFD in the amount of \$17,919.76. Motion carried 3-1 in favor with Shelby Henderson abstaining.

- 12) **Pay bills for Simpsonville VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Shelby Henderson to pay bills for Simpsonville VFD in the amount of \$12,702.92. Motion carried 3-1 in favor with Marc Nichols abstaining.


- 13) **Take action on any insurance claim pay outs to rural departments.** No action taken.

- 14) **Discuss and take action on any grant reimbursement requests submitted.** No action taken.

- 15) **Budget Amendments.** No action taken.

16) Items to be considered for next month's agenda. (1) West Mountain VFD truck payments – advanced budgets, (2) Discussion on paying fuel and truck bills directly, (3) Board member replacement, and (4) canvass ballots.

17) Adjournment. Motion by Marc Nichols and second by Shelby Henderson to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



Presiding Officer Signature

Title: President

Date: 11-9-2020