

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

DECEMBER 14, 2020

7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Directors was held on December 14, 2020, at the Gilmer Civic Center, Hwy. 271 North, Gilmer, Texas.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened by Gaston DeBerry, III at 7:03 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 Shelby Henderson and Ricky Evans, Jr. being absent.
- 4) **Read and approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held November 9, 2020.** Motion was made by David Tackett and second by Marc Nichols to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held November 9, 2020. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 5) **Public Comment.** Gilmer Fire Chief Jerry Taylor discussed SCBA Air Compressor Service for Gilmer and Ore City. Glenwood Chief Mike Fennell discussed sending those interested to Fire Academy.
- 6) **Discuss and take action regarding the Siddons-Martin bill for Bettie V.F.D.** Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to pay the bill in the amount of \$11,453.65 for Bettie VFD out of retained earnings. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 7) **Discussion regarding paying fuel and truck bills directly.** No action at this time.
- 8) **Discuss the re-appointment of ESD Commissioners.** Marc Nichols, Gaston DeBerry, III, and Shelby Henderson will be up for re-appointment. Ricky Evans, Jr. is open for temporary appointment. It was discussed that those interested in re-appointment and/or new appointment should contact the Upshur County Commissioners before the end of December. No other action at this time.
- 9) **Discuss and take action on dividing the Emergency Services District No. 1 and creating the Emergency Services District No. 2.** No action at this time. Put back on the agenda for the March or April meeting.

10) **Pay the first quarter installment to the Upshur County Appraisal District.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Marc Nichols to pay the first quarter installment to the Upshur County Appraisal District in the amount of \$6,822.49. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

11) **Pay the first quarter installments to the contracting city departments.** Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to pay the first quarter installments to the City of Gilmer in the amount of \$22,500.00, City of Big Sandy in the amount of \$7,500.00, City of Gladewater in the amount of \$11,000.00, and the City of Ore City in the amount of \$12,500.00. Motion carried to pay City of Gilmer, City of Big Sandy, and City of Gladewater 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion carried to pay the City of Ore City 2-1 with Gastopn DeBerry, III abstaining.

12) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the months of September, October, and November, 2020.** Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the months of September, October, and November, 2020 in the total amount of \$9,000.00. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

13) **Pay bills for the Upshur County Emergency Services District as submitted and approved.** Motion was made by David Tackett and second by Marc Nichols to pay the following bills as submitted. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

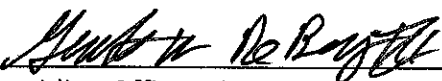
VFIS of Texas	\$64,792.30
ETEX Telephone	\$ 104.95
Stanley Ford Gilmer	\$ 7.00
Terri Ross	\$ 750.00

14) **Pay bills for the individual fire departments excluding Diana, Harmony, and Simpsonville as submitted and approved.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Marc Nichols to pay the bills submitted by the following rural fire departments as submitted and approved. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Bettie VFD	\$11,453.65
Bettie VFD	\$12,475.10
East Mountain VFD	\$ 1,211.12
Ewell VFD	\$ 1,592.96
Glenwood VFD	\$ 3,258.64
Pleasant Grove VFD	\$ 4,437.99
Pritchett VFD	\$ 2,173.05
West Mountain VFD	\$ 2,681.69

15) **Pay bills for Diana VFD as submitted and approved.** No bills submitted. No action taken.

- 16) Pay bills for Harmony VFD as submitted and approved. Submitted and approved in item #14 above.
- 17) Pay bills for Simpsonville VFD as submitted and approved. No bills submitted. No action taken.
- 18) Take action on any insurance claim pay outs to rural departments. No action taken.
- 19) Discuss and take action on any grant reimbursement requests submitted. No action taken.
- 20) Budget Amendments. Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to move \$11,453.65 from retained earnings to Bettie VFD budget to cover the bill approved in item #6 above. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 21) Items to be considered for next month's agenda. (1) Dispatching Concern, (2) Pritchett reimbursement on truck repairs out of budget, and (3) Recruitment/Retention program – county wide monthly training.
- 22) Adjournment. Motion by Marc Nichols and second by David Tackett to adjourn. Motion carried 3-0. Unanimous vote in favor.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: V President

Date: 1-11-21