

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

AUGUST 21, 2024

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A Public meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Commissioners was held on August 21, 2024, in the Upshur County Courtroom, Upshur County Courthouse, 150 E. Jefferson Street, Gilmer, Texas.

The District considered and acted upon the following matters:

1) **Call to order and establish quorum.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Kenny Southwell and a quorum was established with Scott Mischnick, Anthony Depaepe, and Brian Jones being present. Ray Cook were absent.

3) **Approve and adopt the Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by RECORD vote.** Kenny Southwell went over a few changes made to the proposed budget such as the TESRS which was lowered to \$45,000.00; purchase of new radios at \$60,000.00; installation of radios at \$9,000.00; CAD computer and software at \$10,000.00; new dispatch console at \$5,500.00; leaving reserve funds at \$100,00.00, with a total budget at \$1,617,066.00. Kenny Southwell discussed the FRI that he and Scott Mischnick attended to speak with vendors regarding new reporting software and new dispatch software.

Motion by Brian Jones with a second by Scott Mischnick to adopt the budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year at \$1,617,066.00. Vote as follows:

Kenny Southwell, President For

Scott Mischnick, Vice-President For

Brian Jones, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary For

Anthony Depaepe For

Present and not voting: None

Absent: Ray Cook, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

2) **Conduct PUBLIC HEARING on proposed tax rate of \$0.07 per \$100 valuation for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.** Public meeting opened at 6:55 p.m. No public comment. Public meeting closed at 6:56 p.m.

4) **Adopt the tax rate for the 2024-2025 fiscal year by RECORD vote.** Motion by Scott Mischnick with a second by Brian Jones that the property tax be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.07 per \$100 which is effectively a 4.32% increase in the tax rate. Vote as follows:

Kenny Southwell, President For
Scott Mischnick, Vice-President For
Brian Jones, Treasurer/Asst. Secretary For
Anthony Depaepe For

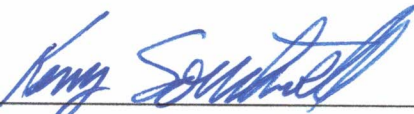
Present and not voting: None

Absent: Ray Cook, Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

5) **Discuss and take action to pay the final invoice to Inter County Communications for the installation of the area link repeater at Big Sandy Water Tower in the amount of \$9,947.50.** Motion by Scott Mischnick with a second by Anthony Depaepe to pay the final invoice to Inter County Communications for the installation of the area link repeater at the Big Sandy water tower in the amount of \$9,947.50. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

6) **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Presiding Officer Signature
Title: President

Date: Sept. 9, 2024