Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM on 14 September 2026 by President Kenny Southwell.

- Quorum met with 4, Commissioner Kenny Southwell, Commissioner Scott Mischnick, Commissioner Ray Cook, and Commissioner Brian Jones
- Open / Public Comment: Delta Fire gave a presentation on equipment they have on sale.
- Public Hearing setting tax rate
    - Open and Closed with no Public Comments
    - Close Public Hearing closed at 6:05 PM
- Final Budget Discussion
    - Discussed rate reductions due to changing some apparatus from full coverage to liability on vehicles not worth insured value.
    - Discussed upcoming December Banquet 12/3/2026. Exact times to be determined.
- Budget Motion for FY 2026-2027
    - Motion by Commissioner Scott Miscnick to approve Budget at $1,752,327.00 with an effective rate at .07 per 100. 2nd By Commissioner Brian Jones
    - "I move to approve and adopt the budget for Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 for the 2026/2027 fiscal year as presented."
        - Vote each Commissioner Raymond Cook, (Yes), Commissioner Brian Jones (Yes), Commissioner Scott Miscnick (Yes), Commissioner Kenny Southwell (Yes)
- Agenda Item 5
    - Motion by Scott to approve, 2nd by Brian Tax 5.03% Increase as required by law
    - "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $0.07 per $100 valuation, which is effectively a 5.03% percent increase in the tax rate."
        - Vote each Commissioner Raymond Cook, (Yes), Commissioner Brian Jones (Yes), Commissioner Scott Miscnick (Yes), Commissioner Kenny Southwell (Yes)
- Agenda Item 6
    - Motion by Commissioner Kenny Southwell for Budget amendment as proposed by CPA Karen A. Jacks & Associates. P.C. 2nd By Commissioner Brian Jones. Motion passed with 4 voting yea, and none opposed.
- Agenda Item 7
    - Motion to approve contracts as currently written
    - Motion by Commissioner Kenny Southwell, 2nd by Commissioner Raymond Cook, motion passed 4 yea, no opposed.
- Agenda Item 8.
    - Motion to hire Brooke Taylor as a Professional Advisor independent contractor to work on the CAD interface with the Sheriff Office system.
    - Motion by Commissioner Raymond Cook, 2nd Commissioner Brian Jones, motion passed 4 yea, no opposed.
- Agenda Item 9
    - Financial Report by Commissioner Brian Jones
    - Audience was informed of getting the Incentive reports into the board at the October ESD Board Meeting

- Agenda Item 10
  - Motion by Commissioner Brian Jones, 2nd by Commissioner Scott Miscnick, motion passed 4 yea, no opposed
- Agenda Item 11
  - Postponed by Commissioner Kenny Southwell
- Agenda Item 12
  - December 3 at 7:00 PM
- Agenda Item 13
  - Motion to approve East Mountain to accept TFS Training grant for $10,000.00. Advance payment was requested.
    - by Commissioner Ray Cook, 2nd by Commissioner Scott Miscnick, motion passed 4 yea, no opposed
- Agenda Item 14
  - No Insurance Items to Discuss
- Agenda Item 15
  - Recessed to move to new building (687 North Highway 155, Gimer, TX.) to discuss renovations 6:50 PM
- Agenda Item 16
  - Reconvened at the new building (687 North Highway 155, Gimer, TX.) 7:10 PM, this same date.
- Agenda Item 17
  - Need Details of the final awards and prices from Kenny
- Agenda Item 18
  - Normal Agenda for next meeting and receive participation reports from VFD departments for December payout.
- Agenda Item 19
  - Adjourned at 20:05 OM, this same date.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

1)	Upshur County Sheriff (September dispatching services)	$ 3,000.00
2)	Terri Ross (August services)	$ 850.00
3)	Terri Ross (Reimbursement for postage)	$ 16.40
4)	Upshur County Appraisal District (4th qtr)	$ 9,716.24
5)	City of Gilmer (4th qtr)	$ 22,500.00
6)	City of Big Sandy (4th qtr)	$ 8,750.00
7)	City of Gladewater (4th qtr)	$ 15,125.00
8)	VFIS (Add 2025 FL Pumper)	$ 847.00
9)	VFIS (Renewal Accident & Sickness)	$ 9,370.00
10)	Karen Jacks	$ 1,000.00
11)	Karen Jacks	$ 1,975.00
12)	Skippy's (Property cleanup)	$ 1,500.00
13)	Hill Electric	$ 4,945.00
14)	Active 911	$ 6,567.00
15)	Card Service Center	$ 120.92
	Lowe's (Supplies for new building - $120.92)	
16)	P-Fleet (August statement – Paid by Draft)	$ 6,600.73
17)	ETEX (Draft)	$ 99.00
18)	Swepco (Draft)	$ 43.29
19)	City of Gilmer (Draft)	$ 53.77
20)	TESRS (Pension Contributions – Paid by Draft)	$34,240.00

REIMBURSEMENTS TO DEPARTMENTS FOR JULY INVOICES PAID IN SEPTEMBER:

1)	Bettie VFD	$ 1,571.89
2)	East Mountain VFD	$ 5,548.86
3)	Ewell VFD	$ 1,085.11
4)	Harmony VFD	$11,203.10
5)	Pritchett VFD	$ 1,160.05
6)	West Mountain VFD	$ 1,415.88