

Upshur County ESD #1
Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2026

1. Call to Order and Establish Quorum.

- Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by President Kenny Southwell. A quorum is present, consisting of President Kenny Southwell, Vice President Scott Mischnick, Treasurer/Assistant Secretary Brian Jones, and Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Ray Cook.

2. Public Comment.

- East Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Chief Brandon Kirschke delivered to each board member a proposal from Kemper Emergency Vehicles (US Fire Apparatus), a single copy proposal from Deep South fire Apparatus for apparatus as referenced to their recent 2604 Grant award. He stated that an electronic copy of the Deep South proposal would be sent via email.
- No other public comments

3. Announcements

- Commissioner Brian Jones provided updates to items A, B, C, with no action taken.
- Commissioners Southwell and Jones gave updates for the upcoming fire training. Chiefs were requested to provide attendance information from their departments by Friday, February 13.
- Commissioners Southwell gave update for grant request for county wide fire radio system.
- Commissioner Ray Cook reminded Departments of previously sent email referencing the January 12th meeting to get their requested ActiveComms activation sent in ASAP. So far, only three (3) departments have submitted.

4. Consent Agenda Items:

- Motion to approve Consent Agenda except for Item B4 by Commissioner Mischnick and seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion Passed, 4 For, 0 Against.
 - Item B4 was pulled due to an issue where Commissioners Mischnick, and Commissioners Jones personal card having been charged for lodging at the Marriot for the attendance as the recent 2026 SAFE-D conference. Charges were supposed to have been placed on ESD #1 card. Will be placed on next agenda.

5. Motion by Commissioner Jones and Seconded by Commissioner Mischnick to approve. Motion Passed, 4 For, 0 Against.

6. Discussion only, no action taken.

7. Discussion on Gilmer FD 2604 grant awards for Skid Unit (\$45,000.00) and Fire Equipment (\$25,000.00). Due to ongoing contract discussions with the City of Gilmer, City Manager Mary Bullock, item was postponed for future meeting(s).

8. No insurance claims to be discussed.

9. No submitted grant applications to be discussed.

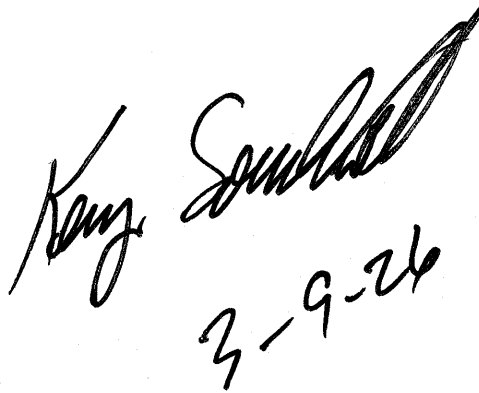
10. Commissioner Southwell discussed the need for a workshop meeting. He asked all Chiefs present to provide availability dates in the near future.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 6:46 PM, this same date.

Department Representation:

- Bettie VFD, Jeff Sorrentino and Daniel Moreno Jr.
- Big Sandy VFD, Samuel Vanderford
- East Mountain VFD, Brandon Kirschke and Stephen Perry
- Ewell VFD, Penny Neighbors
- Gilmer FD, J Taylor, B. Williams, and J. Kessler
- Gladewater FD, A Kessler
- Harmony Consolidated VFD, Stanley Fisk
- Pritchett VFD, (Unable to read name from Sign-In document)
- West Mountain VFD, Bracy Sweat

Minutes By: Raymond S. Cook, Secretary/Assistant Treasurer



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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

1)	Upshur County Sheriff (February dispatching services)	\$ 3,000.00
2)	Terri Ross (January services)	\$ 850.00
3)	The Carlton Law Firm (Legal services)	\$ 66.00
4)	Card Service Center	\$ 4,086.73
	a. Marriott Riverwalk	\$4,037.73
	b. Credit Service Center (Annual fee)	\$49.00
5)	Gilmer Mirror (Physical Address Ad)	\$ 10.00
6)	ETEX (Draft)	\$ 103.95
7)	Swepeco (Draft)	\$ 22.61

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