UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

OCTOBER 12, 2026
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Commissioners was held on October 12, 2026, in the Upshur County Courtroom, Temporary 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 Scott Mischnick and a quorum was present with Scott Mischnick, Brian Jones, and Raymond Cook being present. Kenny Southwell and Garon (Gig) Wade were absent.

2) **Public Comment.** No public comment.

3) **Announcements.**
   a. **Financial Report.**
   Brian Jones announced the balances on the checking, savings account and Texas Class account.
   b. **Departments to turn in their participation reports for December disbursements.**
   Scott Mischnick reminded the Chiefs to turn in their Volunteer Participation Reports if haven't yet.

4) **Consent agenda items:**
   a. **Consider approving Minutes of September 14, 2026 meeting.**
   b. **Consider approving Accounts Payable items.**
   c. **Consider approving reimbursements to departments for invoices submitted for the month of August 2026.**
   d. **Consider approving expenditures, if any, purchased with the ESD's credit card and authorize payment for the credit card invoice due on or about October 12, 2026.**

   Motion by Brian Jones with a second by Scott Mischnick to approve consent agenda items A-D including the additions as noted on the Accounts Payable. Motion passed; 3 For and 0 Against.

5) **Discuss and consider taking action on purchases and/or improvements to the Upshur County ESD #1 building/property located at 687 State Hwy 155N, Gilmer, Texas 75644, if any.** Brian Jones announced that he had met with Kenny Southwell at the building last week. He commented that David Bishop needed a draw for the construction. He also commented that Hill Electric has to move a few electrical plugs. Raymond Cook also

announced that he had stopped by earlier and that they are painting and doing drywall work. No new items to be approved.

6) **Discuss the TESRS paperwork and set a time frame for adding new members and discuss a buy back of time served in the past.** Brian Jones and Jeff Sorrentino provided an update as to the status of the TESRS. Brian Jones announced that the Chiefs have 6 months to add a new member. Jeff Sorrentino is working on getting the forms and rules added to the website. He also suggested that new members not be signed up from day one. He commented that we would need to create a policy to put on the website and suggested adding a new member at 6 months. Brian Jones reiterated that new members have to be entered at 6 months from joining the department. There was discussion of a probationary period. There was discussion of the possibility of adding members retroactively. As far as the buy back, Brian Jones announced that it will be expensive. He announced the importance of working on the sales tax to help fund the buy back. There was discussion regarding the sales tax election. Raymond Cook suggested to clearly define those that are eligible for the buy back of time served. Brian Jones also announced that there is no money at this time set back in the budget for this buy back.

7) **Discuss and consider taking action to approve the request from East Mountain VFD for reimbursement of invoices submitted in the amount of $720.35 to be deducted from their rollover funds.** No action. Pass this to next month's agenda.

8) **Discuss and consider taking action on the request from Harmony VFD for payment of the invoice from Metro Fire for bunker gear in the amount of $18,145.00.** Motion by Brian Jones with a second by Raymond Cook to pay the invoice submitted by Harmony VFD for the payment of bunker gear in the amount of $18,145.00 from Metro Fire. Motion passed; 3 For and 0 Against.

9) **Discuss and consider taking action on the request from Ewell VFD for payment of the invoice to Stanley Ford for repairs to the 2012 Ford to be deducted from their budget funds.** Motion by Raymond Cook with a second by Brian Jones to approve the payment of the invoice to Stanley Ford in the amount of $3,992.52 to be deducted from their budget funds. Motion passed; 3 For and 0 Against.

10) **Discuss and consider taking action to approve the use of the Upshur County Emergency Services District #1 logo on a flyer for an Engine Operations Course to be held in 2027.** After discussion, there was no action.

11) **Discuss and consider taking action on any grant acceptance and grant reimbursement requests submitted.** Ewell VFD submitted a grant request in the amount of $48,000.00 for a Slip-On Unit with $632.00 to come out of their budget. Motion by Brian Jones with a

second by Raymond Cook to approve the grant reimbursement in the amount of $48,000.00 to Ewell VFD. Motion passed; 3 For and 0 Against.

12) **Discuss and consider taking action on insurance claim payouts.** None

13) **Discuss and consider items for next month's agenda.** #7 above; Pension Report/Update

14) **Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Presiding Officer Signature
Title: Vice-President

Date: Nov 09, 2026

REIMBURSEMENTS TO DEPARTMENTS FOR AUGUST INVOICES PAID IN OCTOBER:

1)	Bettie VFD	$ 1,801.63
2)	East Mountain VFD	$ 1,410.00
3)	Ewell VFD	$ 6,430.67
4)	Harmony VFD	$ 4,893.21
5)	Pritchett VFD	$ 7,484.56
6)	West Mountain VFD	$ 11,315.90

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Attendees		Public Comment
Brady Sweat	WMVFD	
Alex Kresh	WMVFD	
Cory Davis	WMVFD	
Jeremiah Thap	Harmony	
J. Sorrentino	Bertie	
D. Moreno	Bertie	
Stephen Perry	EMFD	
Billy Joe William	Gilmer	