

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1
P.O. Box 1432, Gilmer, Texas 75644

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Upshur County Courtroom
Temporary Upshur County Courthouse
150 E. Jefferson Street, Gilmer, Texas 75644

UPSHUR COUNTY, TX.

BY T. Ross
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of the **UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1** will hold a meeting on **JULY 13, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.** at the following location: Upshur County Courtroom, Temporary Upshur County Courthouse, 150 E. Jefferson Street, Gilmer, Texas 75644.

The subjects to be discussed or considered or upon which any formal action may be taken are listed below. Items do not have to be taken in the same order as shown on this meeting notice. Unless removed from the consent agenda, items identified within the consent agenda will be acted on at one time.

Pursuant to Policy Number 3 of the Upshur County Emergency District No. 1, anyone wishing to address the Board must sign up on the provided sign-up sheet along with the items they wish to speak about prior to the meeting being called to order. Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of 3 minutes on any matter. Members of the public may collectively address the Board for a total of 30 minutes on any single matter. Individuals may address the Board once per item. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made for items not on this agenda. Any individual wishing to speak during a particular agenda item after the public comment section must wait to be recognized by the chairperson. It is the Board's discretion to hear any comment from individuals on agenda items after the public comment section.

1. Call to order and establish quorum.
2. Public comment.
3. Announcements.
 - a. Financial update and Quarterly Treasurer Report for the quarter ending June 2026.
4. Consent agenda items:
 - a. Consider approving Minutes of June 8, 2026, June 10, 2026, and June 29, 2026.
 - b. Consider approving Accounts Payable items.
 - c. Consider approving reimbursements to departments for invoices submitted for the month of May 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 July 12, 2026.
5. Discuss and consider taking action to appoint Luana Howell, Tax Assessor/Collector, as Designated Officer to calculate the No-New Revenue Tax rate (NNR) and the Voter Approval Tax rate (VAT) and to submit the tax calculation to the Upshur County Appraisal District and post on the Upshur County website, as required by Tax Code 26.04.

6. Discuss and consider taking action on purchases and/or improvements to the Upshur County ESD #1 building/property located on Hwy. 155, if any.
7. Discuss and consider taking action to approve the paperwork required by Sharon Water Supply and payment to get water hooked up to the Simpsonville VFD #2 station.
8. Discuss and consider taking action to pay Kilgore College for invoice submitted.
9. Discuss and consider taking action to pay the First-In Invoice for the East Mountain pumper.
10. Discuss and consider taking action regarding mechanical issues on the East Mountain engine.
11. Discuss and consider taking action on the Texas Forest Service Grants.
12. Discuss and consider taking action on any grant acceptance and grant reimbursement requests submitted, including but not limited to:
 - a. Harmony Volunteer Fire Department Truck Grant.
 - b. Harmony Volunteer Fire Department Training Aid Grant.
 - c. Ewell Volunteer Fire Department Training Aid Grant.
 - d. Pleasant Grove VFD Grant.
13. BUDGET DISCUSSION.
14. Discuss and consider taking action on insurance claim payouts.
15. Discuss and consider items for next month's agenda.
16. Adjournment.

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

By: Kenny Southwell (TR)
Kenny Southwell, President

This Meeting Notice and Agenda was filed with the County Clerk's Office, posted at the Upshur County courthouse bulletin board, and posted on the District's website at least 3 business days prior to the meeting.

UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Kenny Southwell – President
Scott Mischnick – Vice-President
Raymond Cook - Secretary/Asst. Treasurer
Brian Jones – Treasurer/Asst. Secretary
Garon (Gig) Wade

The Board of Commissioners may retire to Executive Session any time between the meeting's opening and adjournment for any purpose authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, including but not limited to: consultation with legal counsel (Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code); discussion of real estate acquisition (Section 551.072); gifts to the District (Section 551.073); personnel matters (Section 551.074); and/or deliberation regarding security devices or security audits (Section 551.073 and 551.089). Action, if any, will be taken in open session.