

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF
ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
AUGUST 17, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER – The special meeting of the Orange County Emergency Services District #2 was called to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM – Quorum present, Commissioners LeBlanc, Childers and Barnes.
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – The following guests were in attendance: Chief Bodin; Asst. Chief Taylor; FF Elgin Browning; and Becky M. Buffington, District Administrator.
4. BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of 2027 budget – Chief Bodin stated that the delivery date for new engine slated for February 4, 2027, then Ms. Buffington presented 2 options for the proposed budget and explained that both had the full-time captain positions included, along with the new health insurance packages, etc. The differences were the payments for the new engine. She recommended the budget where the payment for the new engine are based upon \$700,000 being financed and a “down payment” being taken from the funds on deposit in an investment account. After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Barnes to adopt the proposed budget with the \$700,000.00 being financed.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

B. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of proposed tax rate for 2026 - tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of value was proposed at August 4, 2026 meeting – After discussion, motion made by Commissioner Childers that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.10 per \$100 of value, which is effectively an 14.3419% increase in the tax rate. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 14.3419% AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$12.54. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

C. Discussion and possible action regarding approving expenditures for central station roof repairs – based upon the quotes previously received by Mr. Dobbs, motion made by Commissioner Barnes, seconded by Commissioner Childers, to authorize a total expenditures of \$50,000.00 for repairs.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

D. Discussion and possible action regarding approving expenditures for central station A/C replacement/repairs – based upon the quotes previously received by Mr. Dobbs, motion made by Commissioner Landry, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to authorize a total of \$19,000.00 for repairs/replacement.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

E. Discussion and possible action regarding approving financing package for purchase of new fire engine from US Fire Apparatus – Ms. Buffington presented the options obtained from Government Capital for financing and reminded the Board that they had approved a budget based upon financing \$700,000.00, which would mean other funds would have to be used as a “down payment”. After review and discussion, motion made by Commissioner Childers, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, to approve financing \$700,000.00 for a 7 year term, authorizing the remainder of the funds for the purchase to be transferred from an investment account, and authorizing Ms. Buffington to sign all documents necessary to effect said transaction.

All voted AYE. Motion carried.

5. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Prepared by:


Becky M. Buffington
District Administrator

ORANGE CO EMERGENCY SERVICES DIST NO2
Budget Name: 2027 Adopted @ \$0.10 per \$100 of Value

Account Description	Total
Fire Prevention Materials	5,000.00
Fire Station 3	5,000.00
Insurance	130,000.00
Utilities	30,000.00
Telephone	30,000.00
Office Equipment	20,000.00
Office Supplies	4,000.00
Postage	500.00
Station Expenses	20,000.00
Pension - Vol.	8,000.00
Pension - EE	55,000.00
Dues/Subscriptions	30,000.00
Tower Fee - 800 mhz	15,000.00
Conference Expenses	8,000.00
Rehab.	1,000.00
Wages	1,250,000.00
Bldg. Repair & Maint.	60,000.00
Fire Training Center - Expense	10,000.00
Equip. Repair & Maint.	40,000.00
Radio Repair & Maint.	50,000.00
Truck Repair & Maint.	125,000.00
Fuel Expenses	25,000.00
Payroll Tax Expense	98,000.00
Training - Tuition	50,000.00
Travel exp.	6,000.00
OCAD Fees	38,000.00
Tax A/C Collection Fees	2,500.00
Prof. Fees - Atty, CPA, Audit	20,000.00
Miscellaneous (All)	5,000.00
Small Equipment	175,000.00
Equipment Lease Payments	0.00
Capital Outlay (New Engine P&I)	120,842.38
Loan Principal Payments	184,123.69
Interest Expense	47,811.87
Finance Charges	100.00
Scholarships	0.00
Total:	2,668,877.94

Anticipated Income is \$2,753,056.36
*does not include dispatch contracts

Notes Due in 2027:

Aerial - \$120434.55 (Loan Principal/Interest) - pays off 2/2028

Truck, radios, dispatch console - \$111501.01 (Loan Principal/Interest) - pays off 4/2033

New Engine - \$700k financed for 7 yrs (amts to be moved to Loan Principal pmts & interest exp next yr)

Adopted at meeting held 8/17/26