

Ellis County Emergency Services District #3

Minutes of Meeting 6/16/2026



- 1) Attending were commissioners Joseph Barrett, John Allen, Clay Sparks, fire chief Jackie Cate and admin assistant Sherry McBride. Commissioners Adam Lennon and Robert Russ were absent. There were no visitors during the meeting.
- 2) Joseph opened regularly scheduled monthly meeting in prayer.
- 3) There were no visitor comments.
- 4) Review of May 2026 meeting minutes. Clay made motion to accept, John seconded, and motion passed.
- 5) Financial reports review – End of May account statement balances: Money Market #1 \$253,172.98, Money Market #2 \$253,568.27 and Checking \$92,265.09. Revenue from taxes was \$4787.99. John made motion to accept financial reports, Clay seconded, and motion passed.
- 6) Fire chief reports – 15 calls in May. The new brush truck has arrived and has been fully outfitted with larger boxes and other equipment exceeding original estimates, may approach \$290K, which the board approved. The chief should have final figures next month. Though he was going to start investigating the purchase of a new engine, he is going to wait until August to determine what our tax base will be next year, in order to know what financing may be needed.
- 7) Board member comments – John - Would like to see a demo of the new equipment as we receive such, as it has been 58 years since he was on a fire department and is sure the technology has changed. John then showed a book (almost an inch thick) of laws and regulations that ESDs have to follow. He had received the book at a Safe-D seminar in Longview a few years back. Board members are welcome to borrow if they desire.
- 8) Next months meeting to be on 7/13.
- 9) John made motion to adjourn, Clay seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Joseph Barrett President
John Allen Secretary

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