

Ellis County Emergency Services District #3

Minutes of Meeting 9/16/2025



- 1) Attending were commissioners Joseph Barrett, Clay Sparks, Robert Russ, John Allen, and Adam Lennon; admin assistant Sherry McBride; fire chief Jackie Cate; and visitor Bobby McBride.
- 2) John opened regularly scheduled monthly meeting in prayer.
- 3) Visitor comments – none
- 4) Review of August 2025 meeting minutes. Clay made motion to accept, Adam seconded, and motion passed.
- 5) Financial reports review – End of Aug account statement balances: Money Market #1 \$252,279.12, Money Market #2 \$256,928.62, and Checking \$63,257.61. Sherry made the building payment during the month so checking decreased to the point where we made the decision to move excesses over \$250K from each money market account into checking. This would have equated to \$9,207.74 at month end but should be even more now. Sherry also mentioned that the building payment as some \$1000+ more than in the past. She is going to call and find out why, as our thought was that the payment was a fixed amount. John made motion to accept reports, Robert seconded, and motion passed.
- 6) Fire chief reports – 24 calls in August. There was 1 structure fire with several assist calls. Jackie noted that we need more individuals to be certified to be first responders to assistance calls.
- 7) Budget analysis - Will be needing \$85,000 for 8 air packs. May do 4 for this next year and 4 for the next year. We need to get two sets of bunker gear for each firefighter. Clay made motion, John seconding, with motion passing to give Jackie and Sherry 3% raise for the upcoming year. Final budget came to \$398,800. Clay made motion to approve, Adam seconded, and motion passed.
- 8) Board member comments – Joseph - had received inquiry to discuss the command structure on fire runs, possibly even to address any lockout/tag out procedures we may have. He will ask Jackie to investigate. John – Do we need to address the email we received from Katie Biggers from HDL companies? Joseph will call her to discover what they are offering.
- 9) Next months meeting to be on 10/13.
- 10) John made motion to adjourn meeting. Adam seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Joseph Barrett President
John Allen Secretary

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