

Ellis County Emergency Services District #3

Minutes of Meeting 4/14/2026



- 1) Attending were commissioners Joseph Barrett, Robert Russ, John Allen, Adam Lennon, Clay Sparks, fire chief Jackie Cate and admin assistant Sherry McBride.
- 2) Joseph opened regularly scheduled monthly meeting in prayer.
- 3) Visitors were Bobby McBride, Chase Hyles, and Scott Gibbs of Metro Fire. Scott had brought a Spartan engine for us to look at. He commented that if we wanted such an engine the cost would be approximately \$985K before Oct and around \$1,065K after Oct. Such is covered by 2 year bumper to bumper warranty. To get customization, such can take 1 year to 650 days.
- 4) Review of Mar 2026 meeting minutes. Clay made motion to accept, Robert seconded, and motion passed.
- 5) Financial reports review – End of Mar account statement balances: Money Market #1 \$252,425.73, Money Market #2 \$252,819.85, and Checking \$283,716.99. Revenue from taxes was \$14,678.99. John made motion to accept financial reports, Robert seconded, and motion passed. Robert made motion, Clay seconded, and motion passed to have Joseph investigate/move our two money markets to another financial institution that offers higher rate of return.
- 6) Fire chief reports – 15 calls in Mar. Laptops are being updated or replaced if needed. Going on the Red Alert (Alpine software) reporting system at cost of \$3000/yr.
- 7) Board member comments – none
- 8) Next months meeting to be on 5/12.
- 9) Robert made motion to adjourn meeting, Clay seconded. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Joseph Barrett President

John Allen Secretary

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