



Ellis County Emergency Services District #3 Minutes of Meeting 8/10/2026

- 1) Attending were commissioners Joseph Barrett, John Allen, Robert Russ, Adam Lennon, Clay Sparks, fire chief Jackie Cate and admin assistant Sherry McBride. Visitors were Bobby McBride and Josh Slovak of Metro Fire during the meeting.
- 2) Joseph opened special public tax hearing meeting in prayer at 6 PM.
- 3) There were no public visitors in attendance for the tax hearing.
- 4) Joseph closed the public hearing meeting and opened the regularly scheduled monthly meeting.
- 5) There were no visitor comments.
- 6) Review of Jul 2026 meeting minutes. Clay made motion to accept, Robert seconded, and motion passed.
- 7) Financial reports review – End of Jul account statement balances: Money Market #1 \$209,841.13, Money Market #2 \$254,369.83 and Checking \$59,718.42. Revenue from taxes was \$5288.71. Robert made motion to accept financial reports, Clay seconded, and motion passed.
- 8) Fire chief reports – 16 calls in Jul. Will look into power washing the doors. Possibly may have to sand blast and paint. To re-wrap the doors will cost \$2455 per door. There are 4 doors.
- 9) After board review and adoption of fiscal year 2027 budget of \$440,000 (with amendments of line 6230 from \$209,000 to \$207,800 and line 7011 from \$43,000 to \$44,200) motion made by John to approve budget, Adam seconded, and motion carried.
- 10) After review of the tax rate calculation sheet reflecting rate of \$.099267 per \$100 evaluation (rounded to \$.10 per \$100), the max allowed without special public election, motion was made by Clay, seconded by John, and motion passed to adopt such rate for 2027.
- 11) Motion made by John, seconded by Clay, with motion passing to name the building the Donald Wayne Chambers Fire Station.
- 12) Motion made by Clay, seconded by John, with motion passing to adopt the ESD logo/icon as reflected in upper left-hand corner of this document.
- 13) Sherry and Jackie about to finish supplying data to Ginger Richardson at audit firm YWRD so we can receive our audit document before deadline of Sept 1.
- 14) Board comments – John brought up comment that individuals that obtain supplies for the dept should bring in receipts to Sherry for reimbursement or else expense comes out of their pocket. Jackie has been reiterating this policy to dept members.
- 15) Next months meeting to be on 9/14.
- 16) Clay made motion to adjourn, John seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Joseph Barrett President
John Allen Secretary
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