

Ellis County Emergency Services District #3

Minutes of Meeting 5/12/2026



- 1) Attending were commissioners Joseph Barrett, Robert Russ, John Allen, Clay Sparks, fire chief Jackie Cate and admin assistant Sherry McBride. Commissioner Adam Lennon was absent. Visitors were Bobby McBride and Chase Hyles.
- 2) Joseph opened regularly scheduled monthly meeting in prayer.
- 3) There were no visitor comments.
- 4) Review of Apr 2026 meeting minutes. Robert made motion to accept, John seconded, and motion passed.
- 5) Financial reports review – End of Apr account statement balances: Money Market #1 \$252,805.41, Money Market #2 \$253,200.12 and Checking \$280,956.71. Revenue from taxes was \$12,268.83. John made motion to accept financial reports, Robert seconded, and motion passed.
- 6) Joseph had received a number of questions regarding the audit from Ginger Richardson at YWRD. One was regarding the salary amount of \$18,000 (amended to \$19,000) on the manual copy of 2025 budget. After board discussion Clay made motion, John seconded, and motion passed to change to corrected amount of \$19,800. Another question was regarding discovery that the individual line items on the budget did not add up to the totals reflected. After board discussion Clay made motion, John seconded, and motion passed to note that the individual line figures were to be used, not the totals. Sherry commented that there were questions regarding the values of assets and equipment. She did not have such information so Jackie is going to investigate and come up with value of our inventories and property.
- 7) Fire chief reports – 26 calls in Apr. We are now under the Red Alert status reporting system at \$3500/yr. Air packs were received last month. Jackie and Chase going tomorrow to get our new outfitted brush truck. Jackie had received a quote from Josh Slovak@Metro Fire regarding the One Spartan S-180 pumper at price of \$1.1K, which could be delivered in 4-5 months. Quote reflected some available financing from Community Leasing with interest rates of 4.74% to 4.82% in 5 to 10 year range. He commented that Gov't Capital actually has lower rates starting at 3.8%. After a round table discussion, the board told Jackie to proceed with the pursuit of getting the Spartan.
- 8) Board member comments – none
- 9) Next months meeting to be on 6/16.

Joseph Barrett President

John Allen Secretary

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