

# UPSHUR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1

JANUARY 11, 2021

7:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 Board of Directors was held on January 11, 2021, at the Gilmer Civic Center, Hwy. 271 North, Gilmer, Texas.

- 1) **Open meeting.** The meeting was opened by Gaston DeBerry, III at 7:01 p.m.
- 2) **Call to order.** Gaston DeBerry, III called the meeting to order.
- 3) **Recognition of new commissioners of the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1 appointed by the Upshur County Commissioners Court.** Gaston DeBerry, III introduced Gary Smith and Michael Kuza as the new commissioners appointed by the Upshur County Commissioners Court and announced the resignation of Shelby Henderson.
- 4) **Determine quorum present.** Gaston DeBerry, III determined a quorum was present with Marc Nichols being absent.
- 5) **Read and approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held December 14, 2020.**  
Motion was made by Michael Kuza and second by David Tackett to approve the minutes from the Regular meeting held December 14, 2020. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 6) **Public Comment.** Gilmer Fire Chief Jerry Taylor discussed air pack release and pack inspections. Glenwood Chief Mike Fennell discussed sending 4 people to fire school and jaws inspection.
- 7) **Election of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer/Assistant Secretary for the Upshur County Emergency Services District No. 1.**

Motion by Gaston DeBerry, III and second by Gary Smith to appoint Marc Nichols as President. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Motion by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to appoint Gaston DeBerry, III as Vice-President. Motion carried 3-1 with Gaston DeBerry, III abstaining.

Motion by Gaston DeBerry, III and second by David Tackett to appoint Michael Kuza as Secretary. Motion carried 3-1 with Michael Kuza abstaining.


Motion by Michael Kuza and second by David Tackett to appoint Gary Smith as Treasurer/Assistant Secretary. Motion carried 3-1 with Gary Smith abstaining.

- 8) **Discuss and take action regarding term limits of the ESD members recently appointed.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to have Marc Nichols, Gaston DeBerry, III, and Michael Kuza's terms be for a 2 year period and Gary Smith and David Tackett's terms be for a 1 year period. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 9) **Discussion regarding dispatching services.** No action at this time. Will address this matter when renewing the contract.
- 10) **Discuss and take action regarding truck repairs for Pritchett VFD.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by Gary Smith to transfer funds from retained earnings to Pritchett VFD budget to cover the previous expenditure taken from the Pritchett VFD budget in the amount of \$6,803.10. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 11) **Discuss and take action regarding engine repairs for Diana VFD.** No action at this time. Put back on the agenda for the February meeting.
- 12) **Discuss and take action regarding Gilmer Fire Department tanker agreement concerning the new tanker and their existing one they are giving to the ESD.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by David Tackett to execute the agreement with Gilmer Fire Department as attached. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 13) **Discussion regarding recruitment/retention program – countywide monthly training.** No action at this time.
- 14) **Pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of December, 2020.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Michael Kuza to pay the City of Gilmer for dispatching services for the month of December, 2020 in the amount of \$3,000.00. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.
- 15) **Pay bills for the Upshur County Emergency Services District as submitted and approved.** Motion was made by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to pay the following bills as submitted. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

ETEX Telephone	\$ 104.95
Stanley Ford Gilmer	\$ 2,796.49
Terri Ross	\$ 750.00
- 16) **Pay bills for the individual fire departments excluding Bettie, Diana and Simpsonville as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by David Tackett to pay the following bills to the rural fire departments as submitted and approved. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

Ewell VFD	\$ 5,734.87
Glenwood VFD	\$26,081.28
Harmony VFD	\$ 375.77
Pleasant Grove VFD	\$ 1,240.63
Pritchett VFD	\$ 1,745.43

- 17) **Pay bills for Bettie VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to pay Bettie VFD bills in the amount of \$2,160.19. Motion carried 3-1 with Michael Kuza abstaining.
- 18) **Pay bills for Diana VFD as submitted and approved.** Motion by Michael Kuza and second by Gary Smith to pay Diana VFD bills in the amount of \$23,545.50. Motion carried 3-1 with David Tackett abstaining.
- 19) **Pay bills for Simpsonville VFD as submitted and approved.** No bills submitted. No action taken.
- 20) **Take action on any insurance claim pay outs to rural departments.** No action taken.
- 21) **Discuss and take action on any grant reimbursement requests submitted.** No action taken.
- 22) **Budget Amendments.** No action taken.
- 23) **Items to be considered for next month's agenda.** (1) Engine repairs for Diana VFD, (2) Recruitment/Retention program – county wide monthly training, (3) Pleasant Grove truck repair, and (4) approve ESD members for bank account signature card.
- 24) **Adjournment.** Motion by David Tackett and second by Gary Smith to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Unanimous vote in favor.

  
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 Presiding Officer Signature  
 Title: President

Date: 2-8-2021

AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPSHUR COUNTY ESD #1 AND THE CITY OF GILMER  
REGARDING TRANSFER OF TITLE OF TANKER TRUCK AND REPLACEMENT THEREOF

The City of Gilmer agrees to transfer the Title of a 2005 Kenworth Tanker (Fire Apparatus)  
VIN # 2NKMLZ9X85M112891 to UCESD #1.

In return UCESD #1 agrees to furnish the City of Gilmer with a Tanker (Fire Apparatus) that meets or  
exceeds current NFPA standards.

This agreement remains in effect so long as the City of Gilmer contracts with UCESD #1 for Fire  
Protection in the unincorporated areas of UCESD #1.

Agreed to this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

UPSHUR COUNTY ESD #1



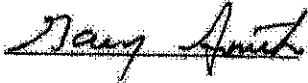
Gaston DeBerry III.



David Tackett

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Marc Nichols

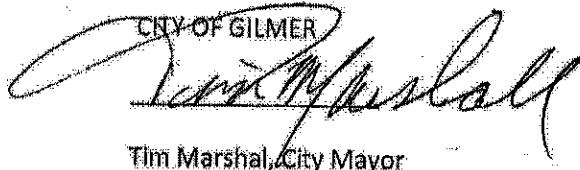


Gary Smith



Michael Kuza

CITY OF GILMER



Tim Marshall, City Mayor

Greg Hutson, City Manager



Mike Martin, City Attorney



Jerry H Taylor, Fire Chief

