

Regular Meeting Minutes

Houston County Emergency Services District NO. 2

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Notice is hereby given with Section 555.041 of the Texas Government Code that the **Houston County Emergency Services District No. 2** will meet in an **Emergency called meeting on June 25, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Houston County Emergency Service Center located at 600 Bradshaw St., Crockett, Texas 75835.

1. Call to order and establish a quorum. Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Pres. William Money, Steve Hawkins and Treasurer Ken Lair were present. Todd Stone and Greg Brooks were absent.
2. Recognition and welcome-
3. Members present were as follows:
  - a. Bob Vanvost- Latexo VFD
  - b. Jamie Bond – Belott VFD
  - c. Sabrina Byrd – Belott VFD
  - d. Mikaylah Allen – Ratcliff
  - e. Keith Skinner – Ratcliff
  - f. Mike Burran – Weches
  - g. Shorty – Porter Springs
  - h. Nealy Cook- Porter Springs VFD
  - i. Jordan Westfield- Belott VFD
  - j. Michael Sessions- Lovelady VFD
  - k. Billy Allbright- Austonio VFD
  - l. Heath Murff- HCFMO
  - m. Joshua Pearce – TFS
  - n. John Mccullar – Austonio
  - o. Austin Kilian - TFS
4. Public comment- None
5. Approval of the Minutes from April- Motion made by Ken Lair. Motion Passed to approve the minutes.
6. Discuss 2025 Audits- None
7. Discuss any updates on grant trucks and grant funding for Forest Service Grants-

Belott 2-3<sup>rd</sup> week of July possible delivery, Latexo truck waiting on water tank to be built, Ratcliff has a possible grant truck military Humvee in the works
8. Updates on financing for trucks where the grants were successful

Discussed 2 financing option- 1. Republic National – 4.99 APR loan, doc fees, legal doc fees will have to be done by our lawyer Ken Campbell  
2. Prosperity Bank – tax free 5.1 APR plus attorney fees,  
Motion to use Prosperity at 5.1 APR plus \$3600 for attorney fees and tax free loan made by Steve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken and was passed.

9. Grant info on Weldon's Rescue equipment and ESD funding.  
No one was present, sent word that one more item needed to finish grant
10. Response master info.  
Discussed request from Houston County Search and Rescue to add them to the response master system to save money, will cost @ \$77/month  
Steve made motion, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> and it passed
11. Discuss Crockett Contract- no action was taken.
12. Discuss possibility of helping fund dispatcher's at Sheriffs Office  
Board agreed that further data needed to be presented, and county input from judges and commissioners needs to be received.
13. Receive early budget estimates from VFD's  
Received from everyone but Lovelady
14. Start discussion on ESD budgets and projections  
Started minor discussion
15. Items missed/ needing addressed and anything needing to be on the next month's agenda  
None
16. Correspondence received: Houston County Appraisal Dist. Houston County Tax Assessor.  
Received proposed budget for appraisal district, should receive our proposed budget by next meeting, appraisal district is caught up on our monthly payments, collected \$129,000 that should put us in line with our proposed budget amounts from last year
17. Reports from VFD Chiefs on current status regarding their VFD's-
  - a. New trucks-
  - b. Equipment repairs- Austonio truck down with computer issue, but got fixed, should have money to pay for it, possible we have to help
  - c. Activity Reports- none reported on-
  - d. Profit Loss Reports-
  - e. Grant Applications-
18. Report from treasurer-

- a. Current financial status including account balances
  - b. Monthly Budget Report
  - c. Approve account payables-per treasurer- Treasurer needs to make online payment of \$56,211.84 on July 14, 2026 for Ratcliff and Pennington trucks  
Steve made motion to approved, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> passed
  - d. Budget Amendment- Ratcliff building project- moved \$500 from milage, moved \$1500 from training, and \$11,200 from contingency to fund the cement slab  
Steve made motion, Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> approved
19. Set Next Regular Meeting- July 23 at 6pm.
20. Adjourn- Motion made by Steve Hawkins and Seconded by Ken Lair. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:14pm

Prepared by: William Money