MAY 15 2025

MEETING OF PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 1 COMMISSIONERS

BOBBIE DAVIS
COUNTY CHERK, RANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS
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Pursuant to the Texas Open Meetings Act, notice is hereby given that an ESD training course held by Attorney Ken Campbell and regular meeting of the Board of the Fire Commissioners of the Panola County Emergency Services District No. 1 will be held on the 20th day of May 2025 at the Texas Country Music Hall of Fame located at 310 West Panola Street in Carthage, Panola County Texas at 4:00 PM. The meeting will be conducted to discuss the following matters and act upon them if appropriate:

- 1. Call to order/establish a quorum and open the meeting.
- Presentation, discussion, and act if appropriate on presentation for best ESD practices by attorney Ken Campbell, 4:00-6:00 PM.
- 3. Break for dinner, 6:00-7:00 PM.
- 4. Resume regular ESD meeting, 7:00 PM.
- 5. Read, change, and approve minutes from the April 15, 2025 regular meeting.
- 6. Citizen comments.
- Presentation from and requests for action from Chairman of the Chiefs Association and the Panola County Fire Marshal and act if appropriate on their reports, requests, and suggestions.
- 8. Discussion, update, and act if appropriate on reviewing current ESD/VFD insurance policies in light of suggestions from Attorney Campbell.
- Discussion, update, and act if appropriate on revising the budget for 2025 to reflect new capital items for each VFD and other adjustments as needed for current year plans.
- 10. Discussion, and act if appropriate on entering into an interlocal agreement with the City of Tatum or the Rusk County ESD #1 related to fire support services and related payments for service in the Tatum area.
- 11. Discussion, and act if appropriate on ordering an election for the adoption of a sales and use tax in the District for the November 4, 2025 Uniform Election Day. Review preliminary property tax evaluations and related estimated tax collection options.
- 12. Discussion, and act if appropriate on the ESD having a debit/credit card for expenses.
- 13. Discussion, and act if appropriate on an audit extension request for the 2024 ESD audit.

- 14. Discussion, and act if appropriate on options for an ESD auditor for the 2025 audit since the current auditor, Rachael Payne, is taking a new position and is leaving public practice.
- 15. Discussion, and act if appropriate on the status of each VFDs 990-N filings.
- 16. Discussion, and act if appropriate on the purchase of heaters for Flatwoods VFD main station and Flatwoods VFD substation in Deadwood and determine which budget category they will be paid from.
- 17. Discuss and approve paying of the monthly bills.
- 18. Discuss and approve monthly financial statements.
- 19. Adjournment.

Stuart Lipsey, President

I, BOBBIE DAVIS, CLERK OF THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE NOTICE WAS POSTED ON THE OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARD IN THE PANOLA COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE, TEXAS AND IN A PUBLIC PLACE VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES ON THE DAY OF MAY, 2025 AT O'CLOCK AM.

BOBBIE DAVIS, COUNTY CLERK PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS

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*The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed by the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/she may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging, or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquiries about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.