

PANOLA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 met in a regular called meeting on the 21st day of January 2025. The meeting was held at the Carthage Civic Center located at 1702 S. Adams Street in Carthage, Panola Co Texas at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Gene Giles, Justin Yates, Stuart Lipsey, and Palmer Fuselier. Cliff Todd

Absent: None

1. Chairman Giles opened the meeting at 7:00 PM and established a quorum. Todd then offered up a prayer.
2. Board members then reviewed the minutes from the December 17, 2024 regular meeting and approved them on a motion by Lipsey, a second by Todd, and a unanimous vote following.
3. Under public comments and suggestions, the following was discussed: Justin Yates was introduced as the newest member. Robert Delconte brought up issue with Inter-Community about their handling of Facebook. He also said he had to file a harassment complaint against one of the departments.
4. Update and act if needed on the previously approved Inter-Community VFD 2010 F150 command truck being declared as surplus as follows: Yarnell said truck had been sold and check received.
5. The board discussed officer positions and took the following action:

On a motion by Lipsey, a second by Fuselier and a unanimous vote following Giles was nominated and approved as Chairman.

On a motion by Fuselier, a second by Lipsey, and a unanimous vote following the other officers were to remain as current with the newest member, Yates, replacing May. Vice Chairman - Lipsey: Treasurer - Fuselier: Assistant Treasurer - Todd: Secretary - Yates
6. The Chiefs Association Mark Dawson and Panola County Fire Marshal Bryan Murff made a presentation and requests as follows: Murff said they were going to start the annual testing of air packs.
7. The board discussed the new substation on FM 31 for Inter Community VFD as follows: Murff said all was completed.
8. Discussion, review, and presentations as appropriate regarding the board discussed the internal control items proposed by Nixon and Woodfin CPAs and or the board committee as follows: CPA Woodfin went over the email Nixon had sent out regarding the basics of the new policies to comply with audit requirements. There were a few questions that he and Giles went over. They reminded all they could reach out to Nixon with any questions or concerns. Giles reminded all this is what we had all been talking about for over a year and everyone had been accorded an opportunity to speak up with concerns but non were ever brought to the board.

9. CPA Woodfin presented the bills that needed to be paid. After some discussion, on a motion by Lipsey, a second by Todd, and a unanimous vote following, the bills that were presented were approved for payment.
10. CPA Woodfin presented the monthly financial statements and updated the departments on their budget items. After a brief discussion on motion by Lipsey, a second by Palmer, and a unanimous vote following they were approved.
11. Chairman Giles then adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM on a motion by Lipsey and without objection. The next meeting will be held at the Carthage Civic Center located at 1702 S. Adams Street in Carthage, Panola Co Texas. The next regular meeting is tentatively set for February 18, 2025 which is set to start at 7:00PM.



Board Member

Dated 2/18/2025