September 29, 2026

The Rusk County Emergency Services District #1 met on this date at 8:06 a.m. for a Special Called Meeting with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Gloria Dooley, Curt Collins and Wayne Griffith. Board Members absent were Jiffy Dukes. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Curt Collins followed by the pledge to the American flag. Also present was Jeff Harman.

Board President Burks called for Public Comments and as there were none, the Board then retired to executive session at 8:14 a.m. for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the Executive Director position under Section 5510.074 of the Texas Government Code.

The Board closed executive session at 12:08 p.m. and reopened the meeting. No action was taken in executive session. The Board authorized Board Treasure Gloria Dooley to contact 2 of the candidates with preliminary job offers and to complete background checks.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and possibly approve the purchase contract with Motorola for 150 handheld radios with spare batteries at a cost of $1,678,315.44. The Board discussed the benefits of the purchase and the increased coverage with these radios as compared to our current Kenwood radios. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Board then considered the distribution of P25 stock radios to all of the departments for command use. It was explained that having the 2 separate radios would prove useful during fire incidents in particular. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Wayne Griffith, and duly seconded by Board Member Curt Collins. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Board then considered the cost of moving radio equipment from the Overton, Texas site to the Good Springs water tower site not to exceed $25,000.00. A motion to approve was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

The next agenda item was to consider and possibly approve repair of a damaged area in the parking lot at a cost of $950.00. A motion to approve the repair was made by Board Member Curt Collins, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Board Member Curt Collins, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

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Secretary President