The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date for a called Workshop Meeting at 5:44 p.m. with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Brian Bathke, Jiffy Dukes, Wayne Griffith and Gloria Dooley. The meeting was opened with a prayer from Chief Marvin Vinson followed by the pledge to the American flag.

Departments represented at the workshop were: Crims Chapel, Church Hill, Elderville, Laneville, Mt. Enterprise, Tatum, Henderson FD and Carlisle.

President Burks stated that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss only the possible apparatus purchases for 2023 based on requests from departments. All Board members were provided an inventory of District vehicles and a current run analysis report on the departments. It was agreed that Jiffy Dukes would conduct the workshop and that the Board would review the inventory list with all departments present in alphabetical order. All inventories were verified and changes would be made based on the information received at the workshop.

The following requests were discussed with department members present as possible purchases in 2023: Church Hill VFD: the department is requesting a used vehicle that could be made into a First Responder truck for medical calls and they will look for a vehicle and present their request once one is found; Crims Chapel VFD: the department requested replacement of their 2001 F350 brush truck. It was pointed out that this vehicle was suppose to have been sold, along with their 2010 when the ESD purchased the new Light Rescue truck that they had received this year. They made the choice to keep the older truck and were asking for at least a chassis since they had a grant in for a new skid unit that could be mounted and give them a new brush truck; and the Mt. Enterprise VFD was requesting a new water tender and a new tender chassis. They would then sale their two oldest tenders and remount the tank from the 1997 which was in good working order. Departments were instructed to gather bids on their requests to present to the Board in December so that purchases could be made in January of 2023. Board Member Jiffy Dukes would contact those departments not present and verify their vehicle inventories so that corrections to the insurance policy could all be made at one time. All departments were encouraged to reduce their inventories and sale older vehicles that were in need of repairs and not used on a regular basis.

Under public comments Board Member Gloria Dooley informed the Board that she was getting bids on perimeter lighting of the parking lot and fencing of the property on Whippoorwill Street.

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There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, a motion to adjourn the workshop was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Jiffy Dukes. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the workshop was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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