

8/11/26

Judge Stovall, Hunt County Judge
Hunt County Commissioner, Smith
Hunt County Commissioners Court
Hunt County Emergency Management

Public Comment RE:
ESD2, Hawk Cove
Hunt County Emergency Management and
Hawk Cove Hazardous Mitigation Plan

My public comment is from the unread portion of 7/28/26 public comment that I made, regarding the ESD 2, and Hawk Cove being cut out. Also, the Hunt Co Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

Our Fire Chief's and President of Hunt County Fire Association, were denied their request to be placed on our, Hawk Cove Agenda's, so that council could interact and ask questions about the ESD since January 2026. Instead, they presented themselves via public comments and passed out handouts to inform council. We, as a council, were not allowed to act on the information received, as it was a public comment. I and another council member sent in an advance request for the ESD vote, to be placed on a special session, on or before 7/6/26 which went UNRESPONSIVE.

I posted a public notice, as Mayor Pro Tem, on my Political Facebook page, of our Fire Chief's written public comments to our City Secretary, Mayor, and Council and that of our Commissioner, Garry Smith, from January 2026. Especially, Quinlan Volunteer Fire, who our City still has a contract with, even though they are inoperable, and their cease of operations that was given to Commissioners Court back in January 2026. There was a NEW contract drawn up, unbeknownst to council, between our city and QVFD and Tawakoni Fire to provide fire services for QVFD, at a price tag of \$3,000 a year even though our city is covered already, by our county property taxes, and by 3 different volunteer fire departments.

There is a concern, regarding the 7/21/26 Hawk Cove Council session, available on You Tube, of our Mayor, Darren Evans stating that the ESD is on the ballot to be voted on in November, even though Hawk Cove is unable to vote. Evans also goes onto state the "rhetoric" surrounding the ESD, and its inaccuracy, that are too many to list. Evans statements are contradictive to what our Commissioners Court, Judge, and Fire Chief Biggers, have stated. Noting Mayor Evans influencers are our City Secretary, and as our City Attorney Hodges states "Active" QVFD, Board of Directors, Angela Massey, our unelected City Manager-Police Chief McKeehan, and QVFD and City of Hawk Cove Attorney, Ronna Hodges.

The second concern is that of the Hunt County Emergency Hazardous Mitigation Plan. This HCEM Mitigation Plan, in coordination with the TDEM, was recently discovered and that Hawk Cove, McKeehan, was a participant unbeknownst to our council. Our Police Chief, McKeehan, according to County and TDEM 147 documents shows Rhonda McKeehan signed off as Mayor of Hawk Cove. This signature was done 1/30/25 while we had an active Mayor, Delores Spence. There was never notice given about the HCEM - TDEM Hazard Mitigation Plan to the council and never put on any Agenda. There was also never an election held, changing our government to City Manager form of government, authorizing McKeehan to sign off as Mayor. And it was stated by HCEM that they were told by McKeehan and Hodges that Hawk Cove's Mayor has NO decision making authority. This is very concerning to our taxpayers, council, and that of Hunt County.

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