

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the Meeting of May 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Fritz Erbelding at 6:00 PM. Invocation was given by Chief Jeff Mc Neel. Pledges were said to the US and Texas flags. Roll call showed present, Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Tumbleson and Koch. Attorney Kate Leverett was present.

1. Meeting in closed or executive session pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code:

a. 551.071, Government Code – Consult with legal counsel

b. 551.074, Government Code – Personnel

None

2. Public Comments – None

3. Reports

a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report- None

b. Fire Chief's Report: Items that were discussed were:

- Recent forest fire
- Districts Web page
- Departments high school senior sponsorship
- Justin Hamilton doing will as Public Information Officer

c. ESD Reports or Comments

i. Update on repairs for Station 3- work is ongoing

ii. Update on Med 4 – unit has arrived and awaiting the paper work to legally put into service; will begin a one month rotation.

d. Next month start the setting the tax rate and budget work - no comments

4. Consent Agenda Items:

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Payment of Accounts Payable

c. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Joe Tumbleson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Agenda Items:

- a. Discussion and possible action to accept the Audit performed by Mitchell Fontenote, CPA for the year ending December 31, 2019-** Mitch Fontenote, CPA was present and stated he had no issues or concerns noted with the 2019 audit; Fontenote added that there was a healthy cash balance and recommended to renew the depository contract and to make sure the assets were pledged. Commissioner Erbeling made motion to accept the audit report as presented. Commissioner Tumbleson 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and possible action to determine apparatus that are deemed surplus and possible approval of selling/auctioning off surplus apparatus-** Tabled
- c. Discussion and possible action on the approval of an addition to current Fire Code to classify false alarms and provide a fee structure for excessive nuisance alarms-** Commissioner Erbeling made a motion to approve the addition to the current fire code the ability to classify false alarms and provide a fee structure for nuisance alarms to be applied at the discretion on the fire officials. Commissioner Ernie Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and possible action on TML's FLEX plan-** no motion made
- e. Discussion and possible action on starting a fire hydrant testing and maintenance program later in the year-** Tabled
- f. Discussion and possible action of SB944-** Regarding members of a governmental entity Attorney Leverett stated that this bill relates to any information on a private device (cell phones, computers, tablets) regarding the ESD's business, in case there is a public request for information that each device used would be subject to its contents for information regarding to that public request. Emails on private devices or texts cannot be deleted of business information and if a request is made that relates, a Public Information form can be filled out which certifies that the owner of the device has done a diligent review on their device and has or has not found the requested information and sign the form and turn it in the their attorney (her). The Board agreed they understood this.
- g. Discussion and possible action to adopt a revision for our EMS Charity Care Program-** No action required
- h. Discussion and possible action to start work on the 2020/21 budget-** no action for tonight will review next month.

- i. **Discussion and possible action to discuss putting a camera system in Med 4 (did not come with the unit)- tabled**

6. Items for the agenda of next meeting-

- **Apparatus to be deemed as surplus**
- **Fire hydrant testing**
- **Med 4 camera**
- **2020-21 Budget**

- 7. Adjournment-** Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

President, Fritz Erbeling

Secretary, Ernie Koch