

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the Meeting of October 22, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Fritz Erbelding at 6:00 PM. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Tumbleson, and Koch. Attorney Leverett was absent. Opening prayer was said by Chief McNeil and pledges were said to the US and Texas flags.

- 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 of Consent and Regular Agenda Items- None**
- 3. Reports**
 - a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report-** Linda Priest stated that there has not been any meetings in a while and nothing to report.
 - b. Fire Chief's report regarding emergency operations, response time, call volume, management activities and personnel-** Chief McNeil commented on the following items:
 - 176 calls for the month of September; mutual aid requested from Beaumont (7), Kountze (2), Silsbee (1), Sour Lake (1) and 2 rolled calls
 - New hires 2 full time and 4 part time
 - 2 fulltime personnel off due to on-the-job injuries
 - Flu immunizations are currently being given in house
 - COVID responses are continuing
 - Participated in the high school PEP rally
 - 69 total personnel
 - c. ESD Reports or comments**
 - i. Update on repairs at Station 3-** repairs are ongoing at this time
 - ii. Update of COVID-19 in our area-** 3% increase has been reported for Hardin County per Judge Wayne McDaniel
- 4. Consent Agenda items:**
 - a. Treasurers Report**
 - b. Payment of Accounts Payable**
 - c. Approval of Minutes**

No comments made. Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Agenda Items:

- a. Discuss and consider taking action on deeming Brush Truck 23 as surplus equipment and consider accepting an offer received on the truck from Tucker Fire Department to purchase it-** Commissioner Tumbleson made the motion to deem Brush Truck 23 as a surplus apparatus and to accept the offer of \$22,500 given from Texas Fire Apparatus. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and consideration on approval of paying off Wells Fargo Bank loan for Squad 21 and Tanker 22-** Discussion was had on paying off Squad 21/Tanker 22. Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to pay off Squad 21 and Tanker 22. Commissioner Erbelding 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action to approve moving funds from the General Fund account to the Capital Equipment Fund -** Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to move \$400,000 from the General Fund to the Clearing Account to pay off Wells Fargo Bank loans for Squad 21 and Tanker 22. Commissioner Erbelding 2nd the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Discussion and possible action to possible purchase a Sutphen Fire Truck-** item tabled, will have a Workshop to discuss details on October 29th @ 6PM.
- e. Discussion and possible action to deem the Trauma Trailer as surplus property and return it to RAC-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to deem the Trauma Trailer as surplus property therefore returning it to the Southeast Texas Trauma Rural Area Council (RAC) of Jefferson County or Houston at no charge to the department. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

6. Items for the agenda of next meeting- None discussed

7. Adjournment- Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

President, Fritz Erbelding

Secretary, Ernie Koch