

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Erbelding. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding and Tumbleson. Commissioner Koch was absent. Attorney Kate Leverett was present. Chief McNeel said the invocation 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 on consent agenda items-** None
- 3. Reports**
 - a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary-** None
 - b. Fire Chiefs report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, management activities and personnel-** Chief McNeel reported on the following items:
 - EMS calls are above average
 - Multiple upsetting calls this past month, the team is handling well
 - FAA Drone Licensing is completed for Chiefs McNeel and Messer, others soon
 - New hire Jessica Garza is doing her fire training
 - c. ESD Reports or comments**
 - i. Update of repairs at Station 3-** North Station repairs – A-1 quoted \$500 for fence, dirt needed also.
- 4. Consent Agenda items:**
 - A. Treasurer's Report**
 - B. Payment of Accounts Payable**
 - C. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner O'Blanc stated that the General Fund has a few corrections to be made. Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to approve 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 renew the Interlocal Agreement with SETRPC-** Chief McNeel stated the agreement needs to be renewed regarding the radio tower; Lumberton ISD wants on the tower and needs an engineer to review this. Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to approve the agreement with SECTPC in renewing the agreement on the tower. Commissioner Erbelding 2nd the motion.
- b. Discussion and possible action to consider purchasing a small portion of the land by Station 3 where the hydrant was accidentally installed on the property owned by SMW Projects, Inc., for the sum of \$1.00-** Attorney Leverett stated that we needed additional paperwork on this. Motion tabled.
- c. Discussion and possible action to consider making repairs or replace the roof on Station 1 (Quotes and studies are being gathered)-** Chief McNeel stated that after several bad rains the Central Station roof leaks, and something needs to be done. Sina Nejad, the original Architect, came to the station and looked at the roof, went upstairs and stated that there is wind damage seen that needs to be repaired, and stated that only a section of the roof could be replaced; McNeel stated that due to the expense of the replacement we could wait and save money for the next 5 years, fix the small wind damage for now and set aside money for roof replacement and monitor it. Also, Nejad wanted to do a study on the HVAC system; it was suggested by the Board to get Big Fish to look at it. No action needed.
- d. Discussion and possible action to approve the Engagement Letter as an agreement that the Carlton Law Firm represent Hardin County ESD 2 as special counsel solely with regard to the process for adoption and calculation of ad valorem taxes for the calendar year of 2021-** Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to contract with Carlton Law firm again this year for the purpose of getting our Ad Valorem tax registered properly. Commissioner Tumbleson 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

6. Items for the agenda of the next meeting:

- SCBA declared out of date
- 7. Adjournment-** Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37PM. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned.

President Fritz Erbelding

Secretary Ernie Koch