

Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

Minutes of the Meeting of December 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by President Erbelding at 9:30 AM. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, and Tumbleson; Commissioner Koch was absent; Attorney Kate Leverett was present. Chief McNeel offered the opening prayer 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 and regular agenda items-** None
- 3. Reports**
 - a. Fire & EMS Auxiliary report-** None
 - b. Fire Chief's report regarding emergency operations, response time, call volume, management activities and personnel-** Chief McNeel discussed the following
 - Double fire fatality in Silsbee and single fatality in Lumberton
 - Mutual aid given and received this month with Sour Lake and Silsbee
 - Santa's Helper now completed for the season, positive feedbacks
 - Christmas parade
 - Death of LPD Officer Joey Breaux and how well HCESD2 covered his funeral
 - Kattie Miller and Jim Jones attending fire school; Kenny Dooley to start
 - EMT-B class finishing soon
 - Andrew Stough orientation EMT-P finishing soon
 - EMS billing company, Tactical Business, is slow in processing claims will considering moving to another company
 - New Pumper's final inspection, should receive end of January 2022
 - c. ESD Reports or comments**
 - i. Update on COVID-19 in our area-** According to Judge Wayne McDaniel, there were 17 deaths and 798 new cases this week; immunizations are currently being given at the Hardin County Health Department.

- ii. **Update on Station 3 Renovations-** Concrete has been poured, there is a drainage problem; Dan Pool will work on this problem for better drainage; large trash container will be moved to the concrete area.

4. Consent Agenda Items:

- a. **Treasurer's report**
- b. **Payments of account payable**
- c. **Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner O'Blanc stated that the money management this year has been excellent. Attorney Leverett stated that on last months minutes the adjournment time was stated as 9:31 and should have been 10:31 AM. Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to correct the time in the minutes and approve the other items as presented. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion approved.

ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA

5. Regular Agenda items:

- a. **Discussion and consideration regarding the possible use of the P-Card system for department purchases-** Discussion was had, no motions made.

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

7. Adjournment- Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Evans 2nd the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 10:10 AM.

President, Fritz Erbelding

Secretary, Ernie Koch