

# Hardin County Emergency Services District 2

## *Minutes of the Meeting of May 12, 2022*

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Joe Tumbleson at 9:30 AM. Invocation was given by Chief Jeff McNeel. Pledges were said to the US and Texas flags. Roll call showed present, Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, and Tumbleson. Commissioners Koch and Erbelding and attorney Kate Leverett were absent.

**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:** Chief McNeel discussed the following items:

- Staffing issues and options to consider
- PPE's issue, ordered earlier, rental a possibility but is costly
- Day truck personnel considerations for 12-hour day 4 X week

**c. ESD Reports or comments- Start a study of Post 65 retirement insurance (TML Medicare Supplement) for our retirees and portion payables, etc.** - Commissioner Tumbleson stated he would like to see more information gathered and discuss at the next meeting.

**4. Consent Agenda Items:**

**a. Treasurer's Report**

**b. Payment of Accounts Payable**

**c. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept the items as presented. Commissioner O'Blanc 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

## **ACTION ON CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5. Regular Agenda items:**

- a. Discussion and possible action to receive the 2021 annual audit from Mitchell Fontenote CPA firm-** Mitchell Fontenote, CPA, was present to discuss the current audit; there were no issues found, a clean report was given. Commissioner Tumbleson make a motion to accept the audit as presented by Mitchell T. Fontenote CPA, Inc. Commissioner O'Blanc 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried by each Commissioner.
- b. Discussion and possible action on Station #3 boundary options-** Chief McNeel explained that the current survey company, Skinner Engineering Services Company, has, for over one year, done nothing regarding our request for a survey. Whitley-Oliver was consulted and recommended two possibilities regarding the boundary line issues. The board reviewed two options and Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to have an easement written which states HCESD2 can use the strip of land, and the owner retains the land in their name for a cost of \$800. Commissioner Evans 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Discussion and possible action on apparatus/asset review for surplus items-** Chief McNeel stated the "triage" trailer is ready and the tent is loaded inside of it and Chambers County is doing the paperwork for the transfer to them.

### **6. Items for the agenda of the next meeting:**

- Post 65 retirement insurance

### **7. Adjournment-** Commissioner Tumbleson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner O'Blanc 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 PM.

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**Secretary, Ernie Koch**