



Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2

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Minutes of the meeting of December 15, 2022

1. **Opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call-** President Erbelding called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Chief McNeel opened the meeting in prayer followed by the pledge to the US and Texas flags. Roll call showed Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Philp and Koch present. Attorney Kate Leverett was present.
2. **Public Comments – limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, discussion, deliberation, or comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners -** None
3. **Reports:**
 - a. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report-** None
 - b. **Fire Chief's Report-** Chief McNeel reported on the following:
 - New deployment schedule is now being utilized, call volume steady
 - Department Christmas party tonight all are welcome
 - c. **ESD Comments or Reports-**
 - Commissioner Philp updated the department on the 1937 Combo truck that the transferring of the title was not issued due to the truck not having a weight ticket; the truck will be towed and weighed then will move forward to the transferring the title. Dan Pool stated that the trucks fuel pump is leaking and needs to be rebuilt, the part is ordered.
 - Commissioner Erbelding thanked Commissioner Koch for his years of service as Secretary to the Board and wished him well in his new position as Hardin County Commissioner, Precinct 4.

4. Consent Agenda items:

- a. Treasurer's Report**
- b. Payment of Accounts Payable**
- c. Approval of last meeting minutes-**

Commissioner O'Blanc updated the transfers (to First Financial Bank) except for two that are still open at Wells Fargo which will be closed out by January. Commissioner Philp made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

5. Discussion and/or action in the renewal of the 2023 contract for Chief Jeff McNeel- The Board went into Executive Session at 9:48 AM and returned at 10:11 AM, the meeting was called back to order. Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to renew Chief McNeel's contract for 2023. Commissioner Philp 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

6. Discussion and/or action regarding Central Station's Generator- Estimates were presented by two companies for a new generator. Chief McNeel presented an option from Entergy regarding cost sharing and maintenance. Item was tabled until a study from Entergy is presented to the Board regarding replacing the generator.

7. Discussion and/or action regarding Central Station's kitchen repairs- After discussion by the Board, Commissioner Philp made a motion to go out for bids. Commissioner Erbeling 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

8. Discussion and/or action regarding the Personnel Budget- Chief McNeel presented a personnel budget. After discussion, Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to accept the 2023 budget as presented. Commissioner Erbeling 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

9. Discussion and/or action to purchase Community Paramedic vehicles- EMS Chief Jim Jones presented proposals for vehicles. Commissioner Erbeling made a motion to purchase the Sour Lake Ford proposal for two vehicles in white and add the emergency lighting/camera system, with the graphics to match the new fire engine not to exceed \$90,000. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

10. Items for the next agenda of the meeting on January 19, 2023

- Funding for the 1937 Combo Truck
- Update on the Entergy Proposal for a new generator
- Update on the kitchen repairs

11. Adjournment- Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Koch 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 10:48 AM.

Ernie Koch, Secretary

