



Hardin County Emergency Services District No. 2

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Minutes of the Meeting of October 19, 2023

1. **Opening prayer, pledge, and roll call-** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM. Roll call showed present Commissioners Evans, O'Blanc, Erbelding, Philp and Turner. Attorney Shawn Figari 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-** None
 - b. **Fire Chiefs Report-** Chief McNeel reported on:
 - the department is building up staffing due to level zero calls with part timers
 - fire billing is continuing
 - c. **Jim Jones' report on SFFMA Wildland Fire Initiatives-** Chief Jones stated that the department is reestablishing an academy SFFMA area school, building a plan to add FF I and FF2; will be offered to high school students and volunteers; different classifications will be offered; can offer classes in a modular program
 - d. **ESD Comments or Reports-** Commissioner Philp stated that the Board would like to develop a system regarding receiving information in a timely manner prior to meetings.
4. **Consent Agenda Items:**
 - a. **Treasurer's Report-** Commissioner O'Blanc stated that August and September reports are all accounted for and will try to get the finance reports out earlier.
 - b. **Payment of Accounts payable for last month and current month**
 - c. **Approval of last month's minutes**

Commissioner O'Blanc made a motion to accept the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Turner 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

- 5. Discussion and/or action in reviewing the bids for purchasing a new generator (Beckie Kelley)-** Tabled to November meeting.
- 6. Discuss the Fire and EMS Explorers program (Jim Jones)-** Chief Jones stated that the program has been sent to the Board for review; this allows to engage high school students to participate, excluding hot or red zones; this program would like to begin January 2024. No action taken. Tabled.
- 7. Discuss and/or action to make the 2012 Chevy Tahoe a surplus item, current value \$2500; repair estimate attached (Jim Jones) -** Chief Jones stated that this vehicle has issues and needs work, the cost to repair, according to Phase 2 Automotive, is \$5906.00. This vehicle in pristine condition is worth \$2500. Commissioner Erbelding made a motion to declare the 2012 Tahoe a surplus item and sell at market value or OBO. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried at 4 to 1 with Commissioner Philp abstaining.
- 8. Discussion and/or action in replacing the 2011 Ford / Fire Marshal truck-** Tabled
- 9. Discussion and/or action in updating the 2021 Personnel Manuel-** Tabled
- 10. Items for the next agenda on the meeting of November 16, 2023**
 - Fire and EMS Explorers program
 - 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe
 - Fire Marshal truck
 - Central Station generator replacement
 - Personnel Manuel
- 11. Adjournment-** Commissioner Philp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Blanc 2nd the motion. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:39.

Secretary Max Turner