

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session via telephone conference call on April 15, 2020 with the following Board Members to-wit:

Members Present: J. Steven Weisinger, President
 Chuck Frank, Vice President
 Sharene Carr, Treasurer
 David Cooper, Assistant Treasurer/Secretary

The regular meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on April 15, 2020 at 6:11 P.M. by President J. Steven Weisinger. All members were present, therefore constituting a quorum. Also present were Fire Chief Jason Oliphant, Assistant Chief Shane Houser, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Battalion Chief Eric Rodriguez, Attorney John Peeler, and Accountant Brian Desilets.

No Public Comment was offered under item 2 of the agenda.

Addressing item 3 of the agenda regarding minutes from the prior meeting, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the regular meeting minutes held on March 18, 2020.

Addressing item 4 of the agenda regarding financial matters, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bookkeepers report as presented by Accountant Brian Desilets and to approve payment of the District's monthly bills.

Addressing item 6a of the agenda, Attorney John Peeler discussed the House Bill 3834, which requires all employees who have access to a Governmental entity's computer system complete Cyber Security Training and obtain certification by June 14, 2020. Chief Houser informed Attorney Peeler and the Board that ESD 1 has already started this process with our IT company and the department is already approximately 80% complete with the trainings.

Addressing items 7-10 of the agenda, under Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 related to closed sessions, the Board convened into Closed Session at 6:25 P.M.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:25 P.M, under item 10 of the agenda.

Addressing item 11 of the agenda, Chief Oliphant informed the board that the department posted on the Texas Commission on Fire Protection website a job posting for 2 new Lieutenant's.

Addressing item 12a Chief Oliphant discussed recent COVID-19 issues stating that there were 23 additional cases in Montgomery County as of today and that ESD 1 personnel did not have any instances of exposure, to date. ESD personnel are staging on all medical calls.

Under item 12b Chief Oliphant informed the Board that the Fire Boat motor blew up, and the Department received quotes to rebuild existing motors or purchase new. The estimate for rebuilding existing motors came in at \$7,833.06 and the estimate for 2 new motors came in at \$56,000.00. Chief Oliphant requested funds to rebuild instead of purchase new at this time. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper the Board voted unanimously to authorize Chief Oliphant to move forward with rebuilding of the fire boat motors.

Chief Oliphant informed the board that we finally received reimbursement funds from Hurricane Harvey.

Chief Oliphant presented the monthly call volume report.

No requests for agenda items were made for the next meeting under item 13 of the agenda.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:39 P.M.

Crystal LaCaze

District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
Montgomery County ESD 1