

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session via video conference call on August 21, 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

Members Absent: None

The regular meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on August 21, 2020 at 12:16 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, Administrative Assistant Andrea Meek, Administrative Assistant Kayla Gibson, District Legal Counsel John Peeler, Accountant Brian Desilets, Bookkeeper Santos Acuna, Levi Love and Gari Lynn Hessong from L Squared.

No Public Comments were offered.

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 special called meeting minutes held on July 13, 2020, regular board meeting minutes held on July 15 2020 and special called meeting minutes on August 11, 2020.

Addressing item 4 of the agenda:

Crystal LaCaze advised board that she and Chief Oliphant contacted First Financial about the interest rates and reported the following:

First Financial offered to add a floor rate that would not go below .15 basis points.
They sent over a letter for Commissioner Weisinger to sign regarding setting the floor. First Financial is working on a new contract to insure that in the future First Financial would be at 85% of TexPool's rate.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to approve the offer letter and authorize Commissioner Weisinger to sign First Financial offer letter.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr, 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 5a of the agenda –Chief Oliphant introduced Levi Love to the Board who presented L Square's proposal for the Design Bid Build of the new logistics/maintenance facility. Levi & Gari had some additional changes that needed to be addressed from their previous meeting with the building committee.

Levi announced they are shifting the building to the west side per Fire Chief Jason Oliphant's request; therefore additional concrete (7,800 Square feet/2,200 Square Feet Mezzanine) to the front of building will be needed. The right side of property will be the retention pond, but due to new regulations by the Montgomery County & TX DOT and ATLAS 14 NOAA determining the average rain fall is 18 inches per hour, the retention pond will need to be deeper (8 or 9 feet deep) with a 3 to 1 slide slope and a 3-5 hp pump. Levi Love presented the breakdown of the quote. Commissioner Frank informed the board that the building committee would be meeting to go over the proposal from L Squared in more detail.

Addressing item 6a of the agenda, Commissioner Frank requested the status of preparation for possible storm. Chief Oliphant notified the Board that we are preparing as we speak in regards to possibly needing to hold staff over, however we are ready.

Under items 7-10 of the agenda, under Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072 and 551.074 related to closed sessions, no action was taken as no closed session was needed.

Addressing item 12 of the Agenda, Chief Oliphant reported the generator (20 years of service) for station 97 was struck by lightning and a claim was submitted to the insurance company. An adjuster was assigned and went out to look at the generator. The generator rental is \$3,000-\$4,000 a month. Two quotes were presented to the board for a replacement generator. One quote was for \$32,500 from our current generator maintenance company which includes everything and the second quote included only the generator and transfer switch for approximately \$39,000. Upon motion made by Commissioner David Cooper and second by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Chief Oliphant move forward with the new Generac generator purchase.

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 Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 1:33 P.M.

Crystal LaCaze

District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
Montgomery County ESD 1