

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session via video conference call on February 17, 2021 with the following Board Members to-wit:

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

Members Absent: None

The regular meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on February 17, 2021 at 5:32 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, District Legal Counsel John Peeler, and bookkeeper Santos Acuna.

No Public Comments were offered.

Addressing item 3 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 4 of the agenda regarding minutes from the prior meeting, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes held on January 20, 2021 and special called meeting minutes held on February 1, 2021.

Addressing item 5 of the agenda, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bookkeepers report as presented by Bookkeeper Santos Acuna and to approve payment of the District's monthly bills.

District Legal Counsel John Peeler suggested to the board that since the investment report showed funds at First Financial Bank to not be properly pledged the board might want to consider authorizing the Treasurer to take action on moving funds from First Financial to Tex Pool. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to accept Counsel Suggestion and authorize Commissioner Carr to take action on moving funds in order to correct the pledged security amount if funds were in fact not properly pledged. After doing some research Crystal informed the board that the pledged report provided by the bank was dated January 31, 2021 while the investment report went through February 17, 2021 and that she would call the bank first thing Thursday morning to confirm funds are in fact properly pledged.

Addressing items 6a of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6b of the agenda, Regarding the donated property on 1097, upon motion made by Commissioner Frank and second by Commissioner Rozier, the board votes unanimously to accept the motion to instruct and authorize Chief Oliphant to work on engineering related issues within a certain time frame of 90

days and financial amount of up to \$30,000 with the property that has been offered for donation to ESD1 on FM 1097.

Addressing item 6c-6d of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6e of the agenda, Chief Oliphant reported that the Rene Bates Auction has ended on 02/16/2021 and we should have further things to discuss next meeting.

Addressing item 6f-6g of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6h of the agenda, Chief Oliphant request to work with District Legal Counsel John Peeler to acquire financing on the SCBA that the board previously approved.

Addressing item 6i of the agenda, no action was taken.

Review of agenda item 7a was initially delayed until after Closed Session for review of legal issues by the Board and Counsel.

Addressing items 8-12 of the agenda, under Government Code sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.074 and 551.087 related to closed sessions, the Board convened into Closed Session at 6:08 PM.

Under item 12 of the agenda, The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:51 PM and went back to agenda item 7a.

Addressing item 7a of the agenda, District Legal Counsel John Peeler recommended the board accept the interlocal agreement to share sales tax revenue with the City of Willis for a new proposed economic development project as drafted by the City of Willis.

Upon Motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Rozier, Commissioners Frank, and Commissioner Weisinger voted in favor while Commissioner Carr and Commissioner Cooper voted against the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 2.

Addressing item 14a of the agenda, Chief Oliphant stated that the call volume was at 519 for the month of January. Chief Oliphant reported that due to the recent severe winter storm our call volume has increased to an average of 50 calls per day, with at least 1 to 2 structure fires a day, and numerous calls to assist homeowners shut down water supply due to pipes breaking. We have had to increase staff in order to man apparatus during the storm period. MCHD was overwhelmed during the storm period and we have been assisting them at rates in excess of the norm. The Stations for the most part all have running water and power.

Addressing item 14b on the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 15 on the agenda, no action was taken.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Frank and seconded by Commissioner Carr, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:09 P.M.

Crystal LaCaze
District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
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