

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session via video conference call on March 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 March 17, 2021 at 5:52 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, Administrative Assistant Andrea Meek & Kayla Gibson, District Legal Counsel John Peeler, and bookkeeper Brian Desilets.

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 February 17, 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 Brian Desilets and to approve payment of the District's monthly bills.

Commissioner Carr asked about the Collateral Letter that she received a call from Woodforest Bank.

Commissioner Carr asked why we have Collateral set up for an account with such a small amount in it. The District Legal Counsel John Peeler suggests that ESD1 should not void the Collateral Agreement because it protects the account for future deposits. Accountant Brian Desilets, states that he does not see any harm in closing this particular Wood Forest account that is connected with ESD12 and due to the merge this account is no longer needed. No action was taken in regards to that decision.

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

Addressing item 6e of the agenda, Chief Oliphant informed the board on the status of Rene Bates Action and the total amount we earned after the auction was done and over.

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

Addressing item 7a on the agenda, District Legal Counsel John Peeler presented the 2021 Request for Verification of Exemption Information sent by the Montgomery County Central Appraisal District to the district. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Frank the board voted unanimously to adopt the 2021 tax exemptions to reflect the same exemptions as the 2020 tax year which are no exemption for Residential Homestead, \$25,000 for Over 65 and \$25,000 for Disability.

Addressing items 7b & 7c 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 6:27 PM.

Under item 12 of the agenda, The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:00 PM and went back to agenda item 7b.

Addressing 7b of the agenda, the board discussed the proposed Interlocal agreement with the City of Willis regarding sharing sales tax revenue.

Motion was made by Commissioner Frank to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Willis regarding the division of sales tax. No second was offered and the motion was withdrawn for want of a second.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Frank to reject the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Willis for the division of sales tax. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Commissioner Weisinger called for a roll call vote on the motion to reject the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Willis and the vote was 5 to 0 in favor. Therefore, the Interlocal Agreement proposed by the City of Willis for the division of sales tax revenue was rejected.

Addressing item 13 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 14a & 14b of the agenda, Chief Oliphant stated that the call volume was at 580 for the month of January. Chief Oliphant reported that due to the storm we had to make some repairs to the Sprinkler head and a Tanker Truck. With the recent drowning in Lake Conroe, we realized that the Fireboat is still having issues and in need of repairs. Commissioner Weisinger asked about recent repairs and Chief Oliphant stated that this is a new issue the last repairs was resolved. Commissioner Weisinger and Commissioner Cooper wants the Chief to run a history report on repairs and the number of hours the Fireboat is used and bring to next meeting.

Addressing item 15 on the agenda, Commissioner Weisinger and Commissioner Cooper wants the Chief to run a history report on Fireboat repairs and the number of hours it is used and bring to next meeting.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Tom and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:15 P.M.

Crystal LaCaze
District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
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