

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session via video conference call on April 21, 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 April 21, 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, Officer Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Administrative Assistants Andrea Meek & Kayla Gibson, District Legal Counsel John Peeler, and bookkeeper Brian Desilets & Santos Acuna and Auditor Jonathan Watson.

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 Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the regular board meeting minutes held on March 17, 2021 and Special called meeting minutes held on April 12, 2021.

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

Jonathan Watson with Brooks Watson & Co., PLLC presented the District's 2020 year end annual Audit. Upon a motion made Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Rozier, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Audit as presented by Jonathan Watson.

Also under item 5 of the agenda, 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 the bookkeepers report as presented by Bookkeeper Brian Desilets and to approve payment of the District's monthly bills.

The Board then moved to item 6, Old Business, reviewing the following items:

Addressing item 6a of the agenda, the building Committee met with L'Squared to go over some preliminary drawings of the Logistics building. The building committee is in the process of reviewing and answering any questions that L'Squared has sent over.

Addressing items 6b of the agenda, ESD1 received an email from Larry Foerster, attorney with the City of Willis which stated he has been advised that Fidelis did complete the purchase of the Phase 2 property. Fidelis now owns two adjacent tracts totaling 69.7 acres and is planning a shopping center in the near future. Addressing item 6c of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6d of the agenda, John Peeler states that he received an email from Larry Foerster, with The City of Willis, regarding annexations which stated that the City of Willis plans to annex 38 acres along Candy Street. Plans call for new construction of homes starting this year and for developer to start improvements to Candy Street.

Addressing item 6e-6g and 6i of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 6h of the agenda, Chief Oliphant states that when the SBCA equipment was originally ordered there would be a 6 to 8 week delivery, so ESD1 has been working with District Legal Counsel John Peeler on an RFP for acquisition financing and gather financing proposals to present in this meeting. Chief Houser followed up with the SBCA vendor and they cannot provide us with an ETA on when the packs will be ready. Another department within the County has also placed an order prior to us, using the same vendor and was told that their SBCA will not be in until at least July 2021. Chief Oliphant recommends that the board does not accept any of these loan financing proposals at this time until the SBCA vendor can provide a more accurate lead time, then we go out for new loan proposals. The Chief states that it is very possible that these packs may not be ready until next budget year. District Legal John Peeler supported Chief's recommendation on waiting until we get a firm date because if we accept a loan now we will be accumulating interest for months before the equipment is even ready. The Board noted that interest rates could go up in 6 months. Commissioner Weisinger has asked Officer Administrator Crystal to please contact each of the loan companies that has provide a proposal about the situation and that at this time no action will be taken.

Addressing item 7a on the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing items 8, 9, 10 & 11 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 6:08 PM.

Under item 12 of the agenda, The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:25 PM.

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 505 for the month of March. Chief Oliphant reports that we have 4 personnel deployed right now assisting TIFMS, they are moving around to different areas to assist in giving COVID-19 vaccinations. We have no COVID-19 cases to report at this time.

Addressing item 15 on the agenda, the board discussed that for the month of May Meeting, we will have a blended meeting using in person and video.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:33 P.M.

Crystal LaCaze
District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
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