

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in session on December 15, 2021, with the following Board Members to-wit:

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

Members Absent: N/A

The meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on December 15, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. by President J. Steven Weisinger. All board members were present, therefore constituting a quorum. Also, present were, Fire Chief Jason Oliphant, Assistant Chief Shane Houser, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Administrative Assistants Andrea Meek & Kayla Gibson, Deputy Chief – Logistic Eric Rodriguez, Battalion Chief Bill Derks, Bookkeeper Brian Desilets and District Legal Counsel John Peeler.

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 Frank and seconded by Commissioner Rozier, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 14 and special board meeting December 1, 2021.

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

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

Mr. Desilets informed the Board that Precision Utility, LLC will no longer handle the bookkeeping for MCESD1. Mr. Desilets recommended to the board to either allow his company, Clarity Consulting Corporation, do the bookkeeping in the future or keep the monthly reporting/bookkeeping in house. He informed the board that although he would love the business, he was very confident that MCESD1’s administrative staff is fully capable of doing the bookkeeping. The Board asked Chief Oliphant to return to them next month with a recommendation of how he would like to proceed moving forward.

Addressing item 6a of the agenda, Chief Oliphant informed the Board that Station 97’s concrete rehab project has begun, however during demolition it was found that the ground underneath the subgrade needed to be stabilized before moving forward. The construction crew is hoping to have this complete and ready to pour on Monday.

Prior to addressing item 6b of the agenda, the Board convened in Closed Session under Government Code Sections 551.071 and 551.072 to consult with legal counsel and deliberate regarding real estate. The Board entered Closed Session at 7:33 PM. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 8:14 PM.

Addressing item 6b of the agenda, Chief Oliphant informed the Board that he found 5.5 acres for sale and would like for the building committee to go look at it. If in agreement, he asked the Board to make a motion to move forward with putting in an offer. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the building committee to go and look at the property, engage with Neilson Company as Realtor, negotiate on contract, and move forward on the parcel per the criteria discussed in Closed Session.

Addressing item 6c of the agenda, Crystal informs the board that the funeral home is cancelling the billboard advertisement on 12/31 and Crystal is working with the sign company to put a for lease sign up.

Addressing item 6f of the agenda, Chief Oliphant notified the board that he received the price break down on the (3) new Tanker trucks and the price came in lower than expected. Since it will take 18 months for production Chief Oliphant requested authority from the Board to submit a purchase order for the (3) tankers totaling \$2,397,018.00. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Carr and seconded by Commissioner Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to give Chief Oliphant authority to submit a purchase order for the (3) Tankers.

Addressing items 8-11 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 7:33 PM.

Under item 12 of the agenda, The Board reconvened into Open Session at 8:13 PM.

Addressing items 13a of the agenda, Chief Oliphant presented the call volume report for the month of November.

Addressing items 14 of the agenda, Commissioner Steven Weisinger (referring to agenda item 5), requested an action item about the decision on how to proceed with the bookkeeping monthly reports.

There being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Frank, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:17 PM.

Crystal LaCaze
District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary
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