## MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in open session on February 21, 2024, 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

Addressing item 1 of the agenda, the meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on February 21, 2024, at 6:08PM by President J. Steven Weisinger. All Board members were present at the meeting location, therefore constituting a quorum. Also present were Fire Chief Jason Oliphant, Assistant Chief Kirk Bailey, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze, Administrative Assistants Andrea Meek and Staci Pennington, Deputy Chief Eric Rodriguez, Deputy Chief Michael Olson, Battalion Chief Josh Montgomery, and District Legal Counsel John Peeler.

Addressing item 2 of the agenda, no public comments were made.

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 Chuck Frank and seconded by Commissioner Tom Rozier, the Board voted unanimously to accept and approve the minutes as presented of the regular board meeting held on January 17, 2024, and the special meeting held on January 30, 2024.

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

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Tom Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Sharene Carr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the financial report as presented by Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze and approve payment of the District monthly bills.

Addressing item 6 of the agenda, Chief Oliphant requested authorization for an audio/visual engineer to be included in the contract for the Training Facility/Station 96.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner David Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Sharene Carr, the Board voted unanimously to accept the \$2,500.00 amendment from BRW to include the audio/visual engineer in the bid package.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner David Cooper and seconded by Commissioner Sharene Carr, the Board voted unanimously to grant the easement to Entergy and terminate the old easement for power lines. Chief Oliphant noted that BRW will issue the Notice to Proceed for the March 4<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking.

Addressing item 7a of the agenda, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Chuck Frank and seconded by Commissioner Sharene Carr the board voted unanimously to adopt the 2024 tax exemptions to reflect the same exemptions as the 2023 tax year – Homestead –0-, Over 65 \$25,000, and Disability \$25,000.

Addressing item 7b of the agenda, the Board took action on the following:

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Chuck Frank and seconded by Commissioner David Cooper the board voted unanimously to authorize Chief Oliphant to negotiate the contract with Montgomery County Hospital District for the rental of space in the facility by MCHD to house EMS staff and reimbursement of the buildout for ambulance service.

Addressing item 8-12 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing items 13 of the agenda, Chief Oliphant noted that recent call volume information was provided to the Board. No action was taken.

Addressing item 14 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 15 of the agenda, there being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Tom Rozier and seconded by Commissioner David Cooper, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:45PPM.

<u>Crystal LaCaze</u> District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary Montgomery County ESD 1