MONTGOMERY COUNTY ESD 1 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, TEXAS

The Board of Commissioners of Montgomery County ESD 1, convened in SPECIAL session on July 24, 2024 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

The Special meeting of Montgomery County ESD 1 was called to order on July 24, 2024, at 5:07PM by President J. Steven Weisinger. All Board members were present, therefore constituting a quorum. Also present were Fire Chief Jason Oliphant, Assistant Chief Kirk Bailey, Deputy Chief Michael Romagus, Office Administrator Crystal LaCaze and Administrative Assistant Andrea Meek.

Addressing item 2, the Board opened the floor for public comments. No public comments were made.

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

Addressing item 4a of the agenda, Chief Oliphant updated the Board on the construction delay on Station 96/Training Facility due to recent weather conditions. Chief Oliphant also updated the Board regarding Martinez Architects putting out an RFP for Construction Manager at Risk for Station 99.

Addressing item 4b of the agenda, Chief Oliphant notified the Board that The Woodlands Fire Department contacted him regarding the purchase of a CAM AM HD DEFENDER ATV and due to each departments specific needs would like to swap their 4-seater for our 2 seater. He spoke with our legal counsel to confirm this could be done and legal counsel would draft an Interlocal Agreement for the ATV swap. Upon a motion made by Commissioner Chuck Frank and seconded by Commissioner Tom Rozier, the board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the CAM AM HD DEFENDER ATV that will be for our Training Facility / Station 96 from Houston Motorsports-Angleton.

Chief Oliphant also requested to purchase a portable standby generator as well as Docking Stations for all Stations. Total cost is roughly \$225,000 with \$125,000 being possibly reimbursed by FEMA. During review, the Board noted that the 2024 hurricane season has several months left during which time one District station is already without a standby generator and that a replacement generator may take months to procure and install, thereby, degrading the District's emergency response operations in another power outage. The Board further noted that Hurricane Beryl was a declared disaster in Montgomery County by both the State of Texas and Federal government. The Board then unanimously found that an emergency situation exists with regard to the need for backup generators for its fire stations.

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Tom Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Chuck Frank, the board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of a portable generator in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00 as an emergency expenditure under Health and Safety Code § 775.084(i)(4).

Addressing item 5a of the agenda, Chief Oliphant presented the planning of the 2024-2025 Budget to the board. No action was taken.

Addressing item 5b of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing items 6-9 of the agenda, no action was taken.

Addressing item 10 of the agenda, Chief Oliphant shared with the Board that the written test for Class 003 is scheduled for July 27, 2024 with about 130 expected to test.

Addressing item 11a-11b of the agenda, no action was taken.

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

Addressing item 13 of the agenda, there being no further business, upon a motion made by Commissioner Tom Rozier and seconded by Commissioner Sharene Carr, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:14 PM.

Crystal LaCaze

District Office Manager and Administrative Secretary Montgomery County ESD 1