



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #8
BOARD MEETING
May 4, 2015

Members Present:

James Kelly, President
George Biernesser, Vice President
John Rodriguez, Secretary
Rodney Otto, Treasurer
Andy Walters, Asst. Treasurer

Members Absent:

None

Guests Present: Fire Chief Robert Hudson, Deputy Chief Clinton Cooke, Kaye Townley, Howard Katz, and John Watson.

Call to Order:

The Board meeting was called to order by President James Kelly at 6:35 p.m. at 27900 Robinson Rd.

Presentation of Service Awards and Recognition:

President James Kelly and Fire Chief Robert Hudson presented an Engineer/Operator Certificate to David Evans.

Citizen comments (for matters not on the agenda) – this provides an opportunity for citizens to comment on non-agenda items in advance of the regular business of the Board. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person. Comments by commissioners in response to such citizen comments shall be limited to:

- A. Statements of specific factual information in response to an inquiry;
- B. Statement of existing District policy;
- C. Direction to place an item on a future District Agenda.

No citizen comments were made.

To consider and approve minutes from prior meeting(s):

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 2015 meeting. Commissioner John Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To review and take action on District 2013 – 2014 Audit

John Watson presented the final audit to the Board with no concerns.

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to accept the audit as presented. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Note: District Attorney Howard Katz addressed the Board stating that the District Attorney council has not received or looked at the audit.

To receive Treasurer's report.

Kaye Townley of Municipal Accounts provided a detailed review of the Bookkeeper's report to the Board.

Attorney Howard Katz addressed the Board suggesting listing Texas Class and the CDARS program as agenda items to discuss money markets.

To review and act on any Resolution(s) to designate and authorize Municipal Accounts to execute wire transfers, open and close Certificates of Deposit by telephone/fax/email.

None

Consider and approve payment of accounts

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve payment of accounts. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Commissioner Rodney Otto left the Board meeting at 7:10.

Discuss and take action on granting exemptions for 2015.

The Board postponed agenda item 12 to enable research on previous minutes.

The Board revisited agenda item 12 at 7:30.

Commissioner Andy Walters made a motion to change the current homestead exemption from 6% to 10% and over 65 years of age to \$25,000 and Disability to \$25,000. Commissioner John Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To discuss and take action on the ratification of a continuing Contract with Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP for the collection of delinquent District ad valorem property taxes, and providing for the payment of 20% of the delinquent taxes, penalties, and interest which are collected by the attorney under said Contract.

President James Kelly presented the contract to the Board. District Attorney Howard Katz communicated the delinquencies to the Board. Commissioner Andy Walters made a motion to ratify continuing contract. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To discuss and take action on the imposition of additional penalty on delinquent taxes for 2014 pursuant to Section 33.07 of the Property Tax Code and adoption of a Resolution regarding same.

President James Kelly opened the discussion to the Board. District Attorney Howard Katz defined the accounts to the Board. Commissioner George Biernesser made a motion to adopt 14, 15, and 16. Commissioner Andy Walters seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To discuss and take action on the imposition of additional penalty on delinquent taxes for 2014 to defray costs of collection by the District's delinquent tax attorney, pursuant to Section 33.08 of the Property Tax Code and adoption of a Resolution regarding same.

No action taken.

To discuss and take action on the imposition of early additional penalty for collection costs for taxes imposed on personal property on delinquent taxes pursuant to Section 33.11 of the Property Tax Code and adoption of a Resolution regarding same.

No action taken.

To discuss and take action on a contract for janitorial services for fire administration at new Station 11-3, Robinson Rd.

Deputy Chief Cooke addressed the Board suggesting janitorial services at 27900 Robinson Rd. Commissioner Andy Walters made a motion to accept services as presented. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To discuss and take action on the purchase of a cargo trailer for fire prevention utilizing a citizen donation

Chief Hudson addressed the Board suggesting using donations for the purchase of a 12x6x6 trailer from TX Trailer Supply. Commissioner Andy Walters made a motion to purchase a trailer as presented. Commissioner John Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of four (4) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

To discuss and take action on items pertaining to new Station 11-3, Robinson Road, including report from architect, pay applications, change orders or any other related matters.

No action taken.

To discuss and take action on items pertaining to renovation to Station 11-4, Birnham Woods Rd., including report from architect, pay applications, change orders or any other related matters
To receive report from the District's Fire Chief.

No action taken.

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No report was presented.

Adjourn Open Session

Adjourn for Executive session at 7:50pm

Executive Session Pursuant to Section 551.072 Government Code, to discuss real estate matters with the District's Attorney.

Executive Session began at 7:50 pm

Reconvene in Open Session

Reconvened in open session at 8:27 pm

Take action on matter(s) from Executive Session.

No action taken.

Consider agenda items for future meetings

TX Class

CDARS

Money Market (discussion and action)

Adjournment

Commissioner John Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Biernesser seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm

Respectfully Presented By: Jennifer Matas

Approved By:

President James Kelly

Secretary John Rodriguez
