

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners
May 4, 2020

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 ("District") met by telephone conference call on May 4, 2020, in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting and with the March 16, 2020 Order of Governor Abbott, with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Jim Owens, President
Benjamin Ballew, Vice President
Brenda Biggers, Secretary
Eric Stricklin, Treasurer
Judith Brannon, Commissioner

And the following absent:

None.

Also present were Chief Ryan Thistle, Mr. Jimmy Sumbera, Mr. Bob Ideus, and Mr. Wm. Scott Smith.

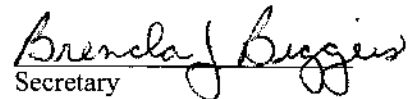
The meeting was called to order and declared open for such business as might regularly come before it.

1. The Board opened the floor for public comment. No public comment was presented.
2. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of April 6 and 20, 2020.
3. The Board noted this is the first meeting after the May 2 election date at which the District would have conducted an election had it not been cancelled. This begins the new term of office for Commissioner Stricklin and Commissioner Ballew. Both gentlemen executed their oaths of office and continued participation in the meeting.
4. Mr. Ideus presented the bookkeeper's report. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bookkeeper's report and the checks listed thereon.
5. The Board unanimously approved its review of the Investment Policy and no changes are necessary.
6. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report and updated the Board with respect to the Coronavirus outbreak response. No crew members of the District have tested positive although several have had potential exposures and were quarantined. The department is fully staffed plus an additional member. The personal protective equipment status remains good.
7. With respect to construction of the training facility, the Board reviewed photographs of the ongoing construction including erection of steel for the building.
8. Commissioner Stricklin updated the Board with respect to dispatch center operations and noted that there are no unusual operating conditions with the exception of the COVID-19 procedures that are in place.

9. Chief Thistle presented the fire chief's report indicating that there were 329 EMS responses. The EMS crews are maintaining personal protective equipment on all calls. There were 38 possible COVID-19 responses during the prior month; 19 of which were confirmed as COVID-19 positive. There were 102 fire suppression calls and 17 hours of public relations activity. The department is expecting new apparatus to be delivered in June or July of 2020.

10. Commissioner Stricklin noted that he will be resigning from the Board and his resignation letter will be effective in a few days. The Board announced its appreciation for Mr. Stricklin's services over the years.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary