

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners
July 6, 2020

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 ("District") met by telephone conference call on July 6, 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
Judith Brannon, Commissioner

And the following absent:

None.

Also present were Mr. Joseph Ellis, Mr. Jimmy Sumbera, Chief Ryan Thistle, 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 discussed the appointment of a commissioner to fill the vacancy on the Board. Upon motion made, seconded, and by a vote of 3 in favor with Commissioner Owens abstaining, the Board voted to appoint Michael Burr to the Board.
3. The Board deferred consideration of election officers.
4. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 1 and 15, 2020 meetings.
5. 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.
6. Mr. Ellis presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020. The audit included an unqualified audit opinion. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the audit and authorized its distribution to the appropriate parties.
7. The Board reviewed proposals for renewal of the employee health insurance coverage. There are no changes to the plan from the prior year, but there is an approximately 5% increase in premiums. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the health insurance renewal.
8. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report noting that fire personnel is fully staffed even though there are two employees off work on quarantine. EMS services are also fully staffed. Harris County Precinct 2 has begun working on a new development plan for the Channelview area in which the District is assisting. Mr. Sumbera presented a summary of the community outreach activities being conducted by the department. Coronavirus response protocols remain in effect with their being no crew members having an on-the-job exposure. Personal protective equipment status is in good shape.


9. The Board discussed the bids for the sale of the 2006 fire truck. The Board did not receive any sealed bids for purchase of the truck. The Board unanimously approved relisting the truck for sale with a minimum bid of \$50,000.

10. Mr. Sumbera updated the Board on the construction of the training facility including Pay Estimate No. 5 in the amount of \$184,939.22. The construction is proceeding as expected.

11. Commissioner Owens presented the dispatch center report and noted nothing of concern at the facility.

12. Chief Thistle presented the fire chief's report indicating that there were 403 EMS calls with an average response time of between 4 and 5 minutes. There were 94 fire suppression calls with an average response time of 4 to 5 minutes. Chief Thistle updated the Board on the public relations activities of the department and noted that the department has received the delivery of ladder 32 and district 32 vehicles.

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


Secretary