

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners
August 3, 2020

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 ("District") met by telephone conference call on August 3, 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
Michael Burr, Treasurer
Judith Brannon, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

And the following absent:

None.

Also present were Mr. Bob Ideus, Mr. Jimmy Sumbera, Chief Ryan Thistle, 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 considered electing officers of the District. The Board unanimously approved Jim Owens as President, Ben Ballew as Vice President, Brenda Biggers as Secretary, Michael Burr as Treasurer, and Judith Brannon as Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer.
3. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 6 and 20, 2020 meetings.
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 deferred consideration of the 2020 tax rate because the District has not received the appropriate information from the Harris County Tax Office.
6. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report. The fire and EMS services are fully staffed. The District has submitted requests for Medicaid reimbursement in the amount of \$1,449,954 before deductions. Mr. Sumbera noted that typically the District will receive 50% of that amount once the deductions are processed. The budgeting process for 2021 is underway.
7. The Board considered the status of the training facilities. The Board noted that the substantial completion certificate was issued on July 30 with a minor punch list. Next month the contractor is expected to present the final pay estimate for the project.
8. Commissioner Owens presented the dispatch center report and noted that there are no issues with respect to operations of the dispatch facility. The District will be receiving a reimbursement of funds related to the contribution of the site to the ECOM facility.
9. Chief Thistle presented the fire chief's report indicating that there were 415

EMS runs during the prior month with an average response time of approximately 5 minutes. The department is still maintaining COVID-19 protocols. There were 123 fire suppression calls with a less than 5 minute average response time. There were 1,779 training hours and 9 public relations hours completed. The new ladder truck has been placed into service. The department has also completed an inspection of all the fire gear. An ISO audit is scheduled for August 12.

10. Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Board rescheduled the September Board meeting for September 3 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Ms. Brannon then announced that she will be resigning from the Board due to her relocation outside the District effective August 31, 2020.

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

Brenda J. Buzzeno
Secretary