

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners
October 5, 2020

The Board of Commissioners ("Board") of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 ("District") met on October 5, 2020 in accordance with the duly posted notice of said meeting with a quorum of Directors present, as follows:

Jim Owens, President
Benjamin Ballew, Vice President
Brenda Biggers, Secretary
Michael Burr, Treasurer

And the following absent:

None.

Also present were Mr. Billy Stevenson, Chief Charles Villegas, Ms. Alma Cedillo, Mr. Wm. Scott Smith, and by telephone Mr. Bob Ideus, and Mr. Jimmy Sumbera..

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 the appointment of a commissioner to fill the vacancy on the Board with the term expiring May of 2022. Ms. Alma Cedillo addressed the Board and indicated her interest in serving on the Board. She stated that she is a retired Harris County Precinct 3 deputy and currently is in the reserves. Ms. Cedillo lives in the District and otherwise appears to meet the qualifications to serve as commissioner. Mr. Smith stated that it appears that she would be ineligible to receive a fee of office due to receiving a portion of retirement pay from the State of Texas. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Ms. Cedillo to serve as a commissioner on the Board for the unexpired term.
3. The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 3 and 21, 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 convened a public hearing on the proposed tax increase. The Board noted that the notice of hearing has been published in the newspaper indicating that the Board intends to set a rate of \$0.05 per \$100 valuation which is effectively a tax increase. After no further comment, the Board closed the public hearing.
6. The Board unanimously approved the attached Order setting a tax rate of \$0.05 per \$100 valuation for the year 2020.
7. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report and noted that there are no changes in the HR status since the prior Board meeting. The department is still short one firefighter. The job posting remains open for the next few weeks. Mr. Sumbera noted that the District has received reimbursement from the State for uninsured medical claims in the amount of \$315,916.46. The flu shot program has been implemented and the department is expecting the delivery of the fifth ambulance during the first week of November.

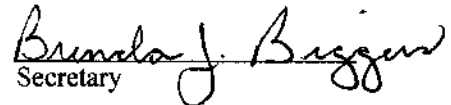
8. There was no action on the construction of the training facility.

9. Mr. Owens updated the Board with respect to the status of the dispatch center which appears to be operating well.

10. The Board reviewed a draft contract for legislative consulting services with Fred M. Bosse, PC. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the Board approved the contract for legislative services.

11. Mr. Sumbera presented the EMS run report indicating that there were 319 runs with approximately 5 minute response times. Chief Villegas noted that there were 110 fire suppression calls with an average response time of 4-5 minutes. There were 1,932 training hours completed during the prior month.

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


Secretary