

## HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners  
November 2, 2020

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 (“District”) met by telephone conference call on November 2, 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  
Brenda Biggers, Secretary  
Michael Burr, Treasurer

And the following absent:

Benjamin Ballew, Vice President.

Also present were Chief Ryan Thistle, 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the October 5 and October 19, 2020 meetings.
3. 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.
4. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator’s report, and stated that EMS collections had been \$1,219,750.62 year-to-date with 3,554 incidents billed. The department was in the final stages of hiring 6 new firefighter/EMTs. There are no changes to the EMS staffing. The department is planning on a Christmas parade, with the date forthcoming. Mr. Sumbera will notify the Board. There will be a gift card drive this year in lieu of past toy drives.
5. Mr. Sumbera noted there are no issues with construction of the training center, and the focus currently is with getting the track finished.
6. Mr. Owens reported that the ECOM facility was currently staffed with 14 employees—2 part-time and 12 full-time. The facility continues to operate, allowing only employees in the building at this time. They continue with phone screening calls for COVID-19 symptoms. NAFPA compliance was 98.4%, which is a very good rating.
7. Mr. Sumbera addressed the Texas Department of Emergency Management which is required to be submitted annually.
8. Chief Thistle presented the fire chief’s report and noted that there were 347 EMS responses and 15 calls for mutual aid. Average response times for all in-service medics was approximately 5 minutes. He noted that there were 110 fire suppression calls. There were 1,924 training hours completed. The ISO audit was completed, and the results will be published in the

spring.

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

*Brenda J. Biggers*  
Secretary