

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners
January 4, 2023

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 (“District”) met on January 4, 2023 at 1210 Dell Dale, Channelview, Texas, in accordance with the duly posted notice of the meeting, with a quorum present, as follows:

Jim Owens, President
Michael Burr, Vice President
Brenda Biggers, Secretary
Robert Ballew, Treasurer
Alma Cedillo, Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

And the following absent:

None

Also present were Mr. Bob Ideus, Chief Ryan Thistle, Mr. Jimmy Sumbera, 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 the December 4 and December 18, 2023 meetings.
3. The Board reviewed tax assessor-collector’s report indicating that 2023 taxes are 1.18% collected as of November 30, 2023.
4. The Board considered an over-65 and general homestead exemption for the District for the year 2024. In accordance with the prior policy, the Board unanimously approved offering no general homestead exemption. However, the Board unanimously approved adopting an Over-65/Disabled exemption of \$115,000.
5. Mr. Smith noted that his office is in the process of publishing the notice of the administrative office of the District in the newspaper.
6. Mr. Smith noted that his office and Mr. Sumbera have completed the annual review of the District’s website for compliance.

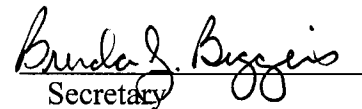
7. Mr. Ideus presented the bookkeeper's report. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the bookkeeper's report and the checks listed thereon.

8. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report noting that EMS billings for the year 2023 totaled approximately \$1.8 million. The fire division is fully staffed and there is one vacancy in the EMS division for a paramedic. The vacancy in the chaplain position is being filled internally. Mr. Sumbera described several successful Christmas public relations events for the department. Mr. Sumbera also noted that Lyondell Basel Chemical Company has provided a \$10,000 donation designated for blood testing equipment and training. The Board discussed the upcoming Safe-D Conference. Mr. Sumbera stated that the TCDRS contribution for commissioners would be deleted as of January 1 due to recommendations from the District's auditor. Mr. Smith and Mr. Sumbera next discussed the need to obtain voting machines for use in the upcoming commissioners election. The Board expressed no objection to placing the order for the voting equipment.

9. Commissioner Owens presented the dispatch center report, noting that there were 4,301 calls for service during the prior month with an NFPA compliance rate of 99.2%. The operations at the dispatch facility are proceeding well.

10. Chief Thistle presented the fire chief's report noting that there were 338 EMS runs during the prior month with no mutual aid calls into the District. There were 135 fire suppression calls during the prior month. Chief Thistle also described the numerous public relations events over the Christmas season.

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


Secretary