

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 50

Minutes of Meeting of Board of Commissioners

February 3, 2025

The Board of Commissioners (“Board”) of Harris County Emergency Services District No. 50 (“District”) met on February 3, 2025 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. Jimmy Sumbera, Assistant Chief Ernest Watson, 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 unanimously approved the minutes of the January 6, and January 20, 2025 meetings.
3. The Board reviewed the tax assessor-collector’s report indicating that 2024 property taxes were 19% collected as of December 31, 2024. Mr. Smith noted that there is a significant lag time in the reporting period from the tax office, and that taxes were due by February 1. The following two months’ reports should be significantly higher.
4. The Board unanimously approved assessing an additional 20% penalty on delinquent taxes to defer the cost of collection pursuant to the Texas Tax Code.
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. The Board unanimously approved submission of the annual financial report to the state comptroller’s office.

7. Mr. Sumbera presented the administrator's report, noting that there were 341 incidents submitted for EMS billing. The fire academy will begin soon, and the human resources department is conducting promotion exams. There is one firefighter vacancy remaining. New ambulances are scheduled to be delivered in the months of March and April. Mr. Sumbera noted that he is working on the audit for the District and for ECOM. In addition, Mr. Sumbera continues to work on the submission for uncompensated care reimbursement.

8. Commissioner Owens presented the dispatch center report, noting that there were 4,711 calls for service, and NFPA compliance 99.4% for the prior month.

9. Assistant Chief Watson presented the fire chief's report noting that there were 341 EMS calls for service with 216 transports. There was one mutual aid call into the District. There were 101 fire suppression calls with an average response time of between 4 to 5 minutes.

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


Secretary