

**SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO**

6:00 P.M. \* Monday \* August 13, 2018

14128 SH 110 South \* Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll was called; five commissioners were present, Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Paul Perryman, Leroy Biggers, and Earl Drott. It was certified that a quorum was present.

**2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

President Melton led the meeting in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

**3. 2018/2019 \$5,707,007 BUDGET**

Chief Rozell stated there is a 9.72% increase from the 2017/2018 budget to the 2018/2019 budget. He explained the SCESD2 budget and the Fire Departments budget to the board members to support the 9.72% increase.

**4. 2018 TAX RATE \$0.084648 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE VALUE**

President Melton stated during the July 23, 2018 Board Meeting the Smith County ESD #2 Board of Commissioners voted to place our 2018/2019 \$5,707,007 Proposed Budget and our 2018 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.084648 per \$100 taxable value that will support the budget on the agenda for adoption at the regular board meeting to be held on Monday, August 27, 2018 at 7 p.m.. By setting the 2018 tax rate at \$0.084648 per \$100 taxable value, we will increase our total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 3.72 percent; this is the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26. Tonight's hearing is the first of two required public hearings; the second public hearing will be held Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6 p.m. here at the SCESD2 Office.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Taxpayer, Rex Coulter stated he thought there was a tax rate increase but realized the tax rate is staying the same; he withdrew his public comment.

**6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

President Melton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer