

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:00 P.M. * Monday * August 12, 2019

14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

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. 2019/2020 \$6,007,362.00 BUDGET

Chief Rozell stated there is a 5.27% increase from the 2018/2019 budget to the 2019/2020 budget. He explained the SCESD2 budget and the Fire Departments budget to the board members to support the 5.27% increase.

4. 2019 PROPOSED TAX RATE \$0.084648 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE VALUE

Charles Wilson stated during our July 29, 2019 board meeting the Smith County ESD #2 Board of Commissioners voted to place our Proposed 2019/2020 Budget of \$6,007,362.00 and our Proposed 2019 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 26, 2019 at 7 PM. By setting the 2019 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 3.70 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. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the appraised taxable value of your property and the tax rate adopted. Tonight's meeting is the first of two required public hearings pertaining to the tax revenue increase; the second public hearing will be held Thursday, August 15, 2019 at 6 PM at this same location.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Taxpayer, Kelly Vestal, stated he lives off I-20 in the Eastern part of Smith County. He believes blanket 24/7 fire protection services, at each station throughout the county, will be a waste of taxpayer money. Stating it should be looked at from a geographical standpoint; stations too close together and some should be relocated.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer