

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:00 P.M. * Thursday * November 14, 2019
14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll was called; four commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Leroy Biggers, Charles Wilson and Earl Drott. Paul Perryman was not present. He certified that a quorum was present.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

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

3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

President Melton welcomed all guests to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

5. CANVASS OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2019 SPECIAL ELECTION AND ORDER NO. 11-14-19-05

President Melton addressed the board and read as follows:

Call to Order

- a. The Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Smith County Emergency Services District No.2 will now consider Agenda item No. 5, under Authority of the Texas Election Code for the purpose of Canvassing the results of the District's November 5, 2019 Special Election on the adoption of a local sales and use tax in Smith County Emergency Services District No.2 at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent in any location in the district.
- b. Let the record reflect that the time is 6:04pm and that the following members of the Board of Commissioners are present: Randy Melton, Leroy Biggers, Charles Wilson and Earl Drott. At this time I present the canvassed election returns provided by the Elections Administrator to the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners pursuant Chapter 67, Texas Election Code.

Under the requirements of the Texas Election Code I am presenting the Commissioners with the election returns provided to the District by the officials for the Elections Administrator. These returns contain the results of the Districts November 5, 2019 Special Election which was conducted jointly with other elections in the County. I have placed before the dais, the precinct returns provided to the District by the County. I have also provided a summary report of the election returns for each of the attending members today that you have before you. The results of the election are as follows: There were 3,444 votes for the adoption of a local sales and use tax in Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2 at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent in any location in the District, and 3,370 votes against. There were 0 over votes and 154 under votes. I have for your consideration a proposed canvassing order, Order No. 11-14-19-05, which constitutes the official tabulation of the total votes received for and against the proposition.

President Melton asked if any members present wished to examine any of the election returns provided by the county or had any questions for the President. Earl Drott made a motion to waive examination of each precinct return; 2nd by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

In addition, Earl Drott made a motion that the Board, as the canvassing authority for this election, canvass the results of the November 5, 2019 Special Election of Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2 by adopting the proposed order, declaring that the election was properly conducted, and that the voters have approved the adoption of a local sales and use tax in Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2 at a rate not to exceed one and one-half percent in any location in the district; 2nd by Charles Wilson; motion carried 4-0.

The Canvass is adopted by Order No. 11-14-19-05 and the President and other relevant officers are hereby authorized to complete the proposed order and provide it to the necessary authorities, including the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector, and the Smith County Central Appraisal District.

6. REPEAL OF THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXEMPTION AND ADOPTION OF ORDER NO. 11-14-19-06

Chief Rozell stated that SCESD2's attorney, Ken Campbell, advised in order to repeal the exemption of sales and use tax on telecommunications services sold within the District, an order would need to be approved by the Board of Commissioners. Charles Wilson made a motion to repeal the application of the exemption provided by Section 323.208(a) for telecommunications services sold within the District and approve the adoption of Order No. 11-14-19-06; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 4-0.

7. SQUYRES, JOHNSON, SQUYERS AUDIT SERVICE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00

President Melton said it's time again for our outside audit. For the past few years we have used Squyres, Johnson, Squyers. Charles Wilson made a motion to approve the service fees for an outside audit by Squyres, Johnson, Squyers in the amount of \$22,000.00; 2nd by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

8. PURCHASE OF 3 GAS DETECTORS FROM METRO FIRE

SCESD2 is in need of a few gas detectors. 2 will be replacement detectors and 1 will be for the Battalion Chiefs. These will be able to detect 4 types of gases. The detectors will be the same as the ones we have been buying for the past few years. We now have the capability to calibrate all detectors in house, saving us money. Earl Drott made a motion to approve the purchase of 3 gas detectors from Metro Fire at the total cost of \$3,600.00; 2nd by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 4-0.

9. PURCHASE OF 5 THERMAL IMAGING CAMERAS FROM DELTA FIRE & SAFETY

Chief Rozell stated that SCESD2 needs to replace some thermal imaging cameras. Most of these cameras are replacements. Charles Wilson made a motion to approve the purchase of 5 thermal imaging cameras from Delta Fire & Safety at a total cost of \$2,750.00; 2nd by Earl Drott; motion carried 4-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next board meeting is at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, TX 75791, Monday, November 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm; he declared the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer