

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

7:00 P.M. * Monday * June 22, 2020
14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Roll was called; five commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, and Leroy Biggers. He certified that a quorum was present.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Commissioner Biggers led the meeting in prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

3. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

President Melton welcomed all guests.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Keith Tate signed up for public comments. He stated he only wanted to bring something to light to the board. He would like to challenge the board to review hiring policies. He stated he felt the hiring process for the Training Chief was handled poorly. Jim Spier from Christus EMS also signed up for public comments. He stated he wanted to thank you to ESD 2 for sending a crew to the Christus Trinity Mother Frances for the opening of the new tower.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Leroy Biggers made the motion to approve (a) the minutes of the May 26, 2020 regular meeting, and the May 26, 2020 called meeting as written, (b) financial reports May 2020; 2nd by Charles Wilson Motion carried 3-0.

6. PAYMENTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS

Charles Wilson made a motion to approve payment of bills: (a.) Current bills/quotes/checks over \$2,000 and all disbursement checks over \$2,000 in this month's check register included in the financials; 2nd by Leroy Biggers; motion carried 3-0.

- a. Current bills/quotes/checks over \$2,000: Nextiva \$2,013.32 May District Phones & Fax; Tower Specialists, Inc. \$3,161; Roquemores \$5,999; Eatin Dirt Construction DBA \$12,375; COMWARE \$22,334.33; Noonday Fire Dept \$6,000; Nextiva \$2,013.48 June District Phones & Fax ;
- b. Contract payments made – no action necessary: Suddenlink \$4,007.95 District Internet Account; Mobile Communications \$2,738.25; Q3 Chief's Stipend & Bookkeeper Winona VFD \$2,400; Whitehouse VFD \$2,400; Arp VFD \$2,400; Bullard VFD \$2,400; Chapel Hill VFD \$2,400; Dixie VFD \$2,400; Flint-Gresham VFD \$2,400; Jackson Heights VFD \$2,400; Noonday VFD \$2,400; Red Springs VFD \$2,400; Troup VFD \$2,400; Verizon \$2,947.63 District Wireless Account; Reliant \$4,834.80 June District Electric Bill; Suddenlink \$2,501 District Fiber Account; Reliant \$4,138.77 May District Electric Bill;
- c. New Construction bills/quotes/checks over \$2,000.00: Mobile Communications Services \$9,205.75 New Flint Station; Burkett Sod \$3,145 New Flint Landscape; WRL Payment #8 \$209,064.28; WRL Payment #8 \$243,343.99; Tower Specialists, INC \$7,965.50 New Flint Tower;

7. PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYMENT FOR SCESD2

President Melton stated that the Training Chief hiring panel had recommended the hire of Cory Clanton. Charles Wilson made the motion to hire Cory Clanton to the position of Training Chief; 2nd by Leroy Biggers: Motion Carries 3-0

8. RETRACTING THE PURCHASE OF 2 F-250 TRUCKS

President Melton stated that at the May board meeting the purchase of 2 F-250 trucks from HGAC was approved. He stated that the situation has changed and the board needed to retract the approval. Charles Wilson made the motion to retract the approval for purchasing the 2-F250 trucks from HGAC; 2nd by Leroy Biggers: Motion Carries 3-0.

9. RETRACTING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE F-250 TRUCKS

President Melton stated that at the May board meeting \$50,000 was approved for the outfit of the 2 F-250 trucks. He stated that the approval to do so would also need to be retracted. Leroy Biggers made the motion to retract the approval of the \$50,000 for the outfit of the 2 F-250 trucks; 2nd by Charles Wilson: Motion Carried 3-0.

10. PURCHASE OF 2 F-250 COMMAND VEHICLES FROM SIDDIONS-MARTIN

Chief Rozell presented a proposal to purchase 2 F-250 command vehicles from Siddons-Martin Emergency Group thru HGAC at a cost of \$143,992. He stated that by purchasing the vehicles this way it would free up the shop to keep working on current apparatus. The vehicles would also come with a warranty. Charles Wilson made the motion to purchase the 2 F-250 command vehicles from Siddons-Martin thru HGAC for \$143,992; 2nd by Leroy Biggers: Motion Carried 3-0.

11. PURCHASE OF MOBILE RADIOS

Chief Rozell presented a proposal to purchase 4 800Mghz dual head radios, 2 100watt VHF radios, 4 50watt VHF radios, and 2 complete IT packages for the 2 command vehicles at a cost of \$30,332. Leroy Biggers made the motion to purchase the equipment for \$30,332; 2nd by Charles Wilson: Motion carries 3-0.

12. PURCHASE OF F-450 CAB AND CHASSIS FROM HGAC

Chief Rozell presented a proposal to purchase an F-450 cab and chassis from HGAC to replace the cab and chassis for Red Springs Brush 1 at a cost of \$37,475. He stated that the current cab and chassis has mechanical issues that are not worth repairing. Leroy Biggers made the motion to approve the purchase of the F-450 cab and chassis from HGAC at a cost of \$37,475; 2nd by Charles Wilson: Motion carried 3-0.

13. PURCHASE OF 40 PAGERS

Chief Rozell presented a proposal to purchase 40 pagers to replace older pagers at a cost of \$4,440. He stated that IT had been going around doing inventory of pagers, and there have been many pagers turned in that were broken. Charles Wilson made the motion to purchase the pagers at a cost of \$4,440; 2nd by Leroy Biggers: Motion carried 3-0.

14. DIRECTOR OF IT REPORT

IT Director Larry Locke stated that there had been 35 IT tickets resolved. He also stated progress on the new Flint Station was moving forward, and that they were currently wiring the new Arp Station.

15. CHIEF OF OPERATIONS REPORT

Chief Rozell stated that the Chief's were still working on items in the strategic plan.

16. FIRE CHIEF PRESENTING AND DISCUSSING ISSUES

Arp stated they were good and IT had resolved the beeping issue in their station. Chapel Hill stated everything was good nothing else to report. Dixie stated the crews had responded to a bad MVA earlier in the day, and that the crews did great. Flint stated that 2 trucks went down, but 1 was back up, and the station is coming along. Jackson Heights stated everything was good. The new parking lot was great. Noonday stated everything was good with nothing else to report. Red Springs stated everything was good with nothing else to report. Troup stated everything was good with nothing else to report. Whitehouse stated they will have 2 firework shows, and the boat will be out on the lake. Winona stated everything was good with nothing to report.

17. REMARKS BY PRESIDING OFFICE AND/ OR BOARD MEMBERS

President Melton thanked everyone for the attendance.

18. CLOSED SESSION

The board went into closed session at 07:25pm to discuss item number 7.

19. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The board returned to open session at 07:36pm. No action was taken during closed session.

20. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next board meeting will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, TX 75791; Monday, July 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.; he declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer