

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:30 P.M. * Monday * August 24, 2015

14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Smith County ESD #2 public hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Randy Melton. Roll was called; all five commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Leroy Biggers, Matt Thiessen, and Paul Perryman. 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. 2015/2016 BUDGET

Chief Rozell has met with all of the fire chiefs and discussed the needs of each of the fire departments; he is presenting a \$4,832,074 budget for 2015/2016. No action taken at this time.

4. TAX RATE FOR 2015

President Melton stated that the Smith County ESD #2 Board of Commissioners is looking at keeping the same tax rate of \$0.08464800 per \$100 of taxable value that was in effect for 2014; the effective tax rate would be \$0.083091 per \$100 of taxable value. Because keeping the same tax rate in effect raises more revenue; the board is required to hold the two public hearings. The tax rate will be voted on at a called meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. No action taken at this time.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nelson Brumley, Chief of Winona VFD: He stated that they are still having issues in the area of the county that Gladewater is covering; he has looked for a building in that area to lease but hasn't found anything; he needs a station built there.

Sharon Guthrie: She stated that she appreciates the board leaving the tax rate the same; she doesn't understand the administration payroll growing so much and the fire fighters not having a raise; stated that the administrative assistant's salary was way out of line; too much for a bookkeeper.

Art Cameron: He stated that he appreciates the boards service; he is ok with leaving the tax rate the same while we work on paying off the debt, but when that is paid the rate needs to be adjusted.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the meeting is adjourned at 6:45 p.m.; the regular board meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer