

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:30 P.M. * Monday * August 17, 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; four commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Leroy Biggers, and Paul Perryman; with Matt Thiessen absent. It was certified that a quorum was present.

2. PRAYER AND PLEDGE

Mr. Biggers led the meeting in prayer and President Melton led 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. During the budget discussion President Melton stated that Chief Rozell has never had a raise; it was stated that he needed to bring the figures to the next meeting showing a 3% raise for him. They will discuss the budget numbers again at the next public hearing and vote on it at the board meeting. 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

No one signed up for public comments; there were no guests present at this meeting.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next meeting will be at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; Monday, August 24, 2015; 6:30 p.m. for a public Hearing; 7:00 p.m. for the regular monthly board meeting; he declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer