

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:30 P.M. * Monday * August 3, 2015

14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Smith County ESD #2 budget meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Randy Melton. Roll was called; three commissioners were present: Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, and Paul Perryman; with Leroy Biggers and Matt Thiessen absent. 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. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

There were no guests present at this meeting.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one signed up for public comments;

5. BUDGET PLANNING F/Y 2015/2016

President Melton turned the floor over to Chief Rozell to present the proposed budget for 2015/2016. Chief Rozell stated that the certified net taxable property value for 2015 is \$5,702,783,771; by keeping the same tax rate and collecting 97%; collecting \$100,000 in delinquent property tax; \$44,616 Cherokee County income and \$5,000 interest income we have a usable income of \$4,832,158. Using this as a basis, he is proposing an ESD2/Fire Department budget of \$4,832,074. He presented a breakdown of the budget and explained that he met with each department and listened to their wants and needs; he was able to let some departments buy equipment with this year's budget where they still had money. He also explained that in working with the Director of IT, some items were removed from their individual budgets and taken in under the IT department. We are looking at cutting down the cost for phones, cable, and internet. No action necessary.

6. 2015 TAX RATE

President Melton stated that by keeping our tax rate at \$0.08464800 per \$100 of taxable value for 2015; Smith County ESD #2 would raise more property tax revenue than the same rate in 2014. The effective tax rate would be \$0.083091 per \$100 taxable value. He stated that because we propose to keep the tax rate the same; which would raise our revenue; he would make a motion to place the 2015 tax rate on the agenda at a called meeting to be held, Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and to hold two public hearings on Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. and Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.; 2nd by Mr. Wilson; motion carried 3-0.

7. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton stated the next meeting will be a public hearing to be held Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Smith County ESD #2, 14128 SH 110 South, Whitehouse, Texas 75791; he declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer