

SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT TWO

6:00 P.M. * Monday * September 11, 2017
14128 SH 110 South * Whitehouse, Texas 75791

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Randy Melton called the Smith County ESD #2 Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll was called; four commissioners were present, Randy Melton, Charles Wilson, Leroy Biggers 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. 2017/2018 \$5,201,620 BUDGET

The proposed budget for 2017/2018 was discussed at the first public hearing on September 5, 2017. No additional comments were made, no action necessary.

4. 2017 TAX RATE \$0.084648 PER \$100 OF TAXABLE VALUE

President Melton stated during the August 28, 2017 Board Meeting the Smith County ESD #2 Board of Commissioners voted to place our 2017/2018 \$5,201,620 Proposed Budget and our 2017 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.084648 per \$100 taxable value that will support the budget on the agenda for adoption at the regular board meeting to be held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at 7 PM. By setting the 2017 tax rate at \$0.084648 per \$100 taxable value, we will increase our total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 2.85 percent; this is the percentage by which the proposed tax rate exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated under Tax Code Chapter 26. Tonight's hearing is the second of two required public hearings; the first public hearing was held Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 6 PM here at the SCESD2 Office.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Melton stated Taxpayer Art Cameron signed up to make a public comment about items #3 and #4. Mr. Cameron stated he commends the ESD and Board of Commissioners on leaving the tax rate the same for the past 6 years. He also stated he appreciates the ESD paying off the debt and not taking on any new debt. Mr. Cameron asked the Board of Commissioners to consider lowering the tax rate when the debt is paid off.

6. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

President Melton declared the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Paul Perryman, Secretary/Treasurer