

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #8 BOARD MEETING January 02, 2018

Members Present:

James Kelly, President Rodney Otto, Treasurer Leah Gray, Asst. Treasurer John Rodriguez, Secretary George Biernesser, Vice President

<u>Guests Present:</u> Chief Hudson, Chief Erickson, Chief Koteras, Bruce Heckendorn & family, John Cruz & family, & John Peeler.

#### Call to Order:

The Board meeting was called to order by President James Kelly at 6:30 p.m. at 27900 Robinson Rd.

# Swearing in of Commissioners Kelly, Otto and Gray

Commissioners James Kelly, Rodney Otto and Leah Gray were sworn in by Attorney John Peeler.

#### Election of Officers

Commissioner George Biernesser made a motion that by acclimation all Officers will remain in the same positions of the ESD8 Board. Commissioner Rodney Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

# Presentation of Certificates for Promotions, Recognitions and Appointments

President James Kelly & Chief Hudson presented a promotional certificate to rank of Engineer Operator to Bruce Heckendorn.

President James Kelly & Chief Hudson presented a promotional certificate to rank of Lieutenant to John Cruz.

Citizen comments (for matters not on the agenda) – this provides an opportunity for citizens to comment on non-agenda items in advance of the regular business of the Board. Comments shall be limited to five minutes per person. Comments by Commissioners in response to such citizen comments shall be limited to:

- A. Statements of specific factual information in response to an inquiry:
- B. Statement of existing District policy;
- C. Direction to place an item on a future District Agenda

None

Consider and approve the Minutes from prior meeting(s).

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to accept the minutes for the December 18, 2017 meeting. Commissioner John Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

## Consider and approve payment of accounts

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve payment of accounts. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Recognize filing of annual report with the Texas Department of Agriculture per Section 775.083 Health & Safety Code – Annual Report

The Board recognized filing of annual report with the Texas Department of Agriculture.

<u>Discuss and act on required filings under HB 1378 (2015) / Local Government Code section</u> 140.008

Attorney John Peeler discussed the required filings with the Board. No action taken.

Discuss and act on surplus and/or salvage property, including disposition of items and adopting policies and procedures on same

Item postponed for future meeting.

Discuss and act on selection of legal counsel services for the District.

Commissioner Leah Gray made a motion to retain Coveler & Peeler as legal counsel for the District. Commissioner Rodney Otto seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Discuss and act on retaining PGAL to provide architectural services for Station 11-1.

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to retain PGAL to provide architectural services for Station 11-1. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

## Receive report from the District's Fire Chief.

Chief Hudson presented his report to the Board.

### Adjourn Open Session

Open session adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

To meet in closed session under Government Code section 551.071 and 551.072 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending litigation, or settlement offers, or on a matter requiring confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property

## Reconvene in Open Session

Open session reconvened at 8:11 p.m.

To review and take action on real estate matters, including sale, purchase, lease, and to authorize execution of necessary documents for same

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve the real estate council. Commissioner Leah Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve paying the earnest money when the contract is signed by the seller. Commissioner Leah Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

### Consider agenda items for future meetings

None.

#### Adjournment.

Commissioner John Rodriguez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner George Biernesser seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Presented By: Jennifer Matas

Approved By: President James Kelly

Secretary John Rodriguez