



MONTGOMERY COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #8
BOARD MEETING
August 02, 2021

Members Present:

President, James Kelly
Leah Gray, Vice President
Misty Perinne, Secretary
Rodney Otto, Treasurer
Justin Hill, Asst. Treasurer

Guests Present: Chief Hudson, B/C Johnson, Lt. Baker & Family, E/O Joe Stan & family, and several SMCDFD members.

The Board meeting was called to order by President James Kelly at 5:30 p.m. at 27900 Robinson Rd.

Presentation of Recognitions, Certificates for Promotions and Appointments

Three members, E/O Joe Stan, E/O Tommy Solesby, and Lt. Wes Baker, were recognized with a Service Award for ten-years of service as members of South County Fire. E/O Joe Stan and Lt. Wes Baker were presented their award by Chief Hudson and James Kelly. E/O Tommy Solesby was unable to attend.

Citizen comments – this provides an opportunity for citizens to comment in advance of the regular business of the Board. Comments shall be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Comments by Commissioners in response to non-agenda items shall be limited to:

A. Statements of facts 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 as presented for the July 19th, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Leah Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Consider and approve payment of accounts.

Commissioner Leah Gray made a motion to approve payment of accounts, and to allow President James Kelly and Commissioner Rodney Otto to sign any checks necessary prior to the August 23, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Justin Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Discuss and act on the District's budget for FY 2021-2022

Commissioner Rodney Otto and Chief Hudson presented the draft budget to the Board. Discussion followed regarding how the process occurred this year as well as the challenges in the upcoming fiscal year. No action was taken, and the final draft will be presented for adoption at the meeting scheduled for August 23, 2021.

Discuss and act on proposing the District's 2021 ad valorem tax rate.

The Board reviewed a document presented by District's legal counsel with five options with regard to setting the tax rate for 2021. After discussion regarding the options, Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve the De Minimis tax rate for 2021. Commissioner Justin Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Discuss and act on scheduling a public hearing regarding the District's 2021 ad valorem tax rate and the date of the meeting to adopt

Commissioner Leah Gray made the motion to schedule the Public Hearing on the 2021 tax rate on August 23, 2021 at 5:30PM. Commissioner Misty Perrine seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of five (5) FOR and zero (0) AGAINST.

Review and act on matters relating to calling an election to be held on November 2, 2021:

- a. Approve an Order calling for an election under Texas Tax Code Section 26.07.
- b. To review and act to hold an election jointly with other jurisdictions.
- c. To review and act to contract with Montgomery County Elections Office for election services.
- d. To consider and act on such other Orders, Resolutions, and related matters as required or appropriate to call for the District election.

Reviewed and no action taken.

Receive report from the Construction Committee on ongoing construction projects

Board President James Kelly updated the Board.

Consider and approve payment application #8 for Pogue Construction for Station 11-5, Rayford Rd. in the amount of \$269,010.63

Commissioner Rodney Otto made a motion to approve payment application #8 for Station 11-5 for \$269,010.63. Commissioner Misty Perinne 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 the report to the Board.

Adjourn Open Session

Open session did not adjourn.

To act on personnel matters

No action taken.

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

No action taken.

Consider agenda items for future meetings

Public Hearing on tax rate on August 23, 2021.
Adopt the FY 2021-22 budget on August 23, 2021
Adopt the tax rate for FY 2021-22 on August 23, 2021

NOTE: The ESD8 Meeting scheduled for August 16th will be postponed to August 23rd to coincide with the required Public Hearing on setting the tax rate for 2021.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Presented By: Jennifer Matas

Approved By: President James Kelly

Secretary Misty Perinne

