



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY  
SERVICES DISTRICT #8  
BOARD MEETING  
December 20, 2023**

Members Present:

Justin Hill, President  
Misty Perinne, Vice President  
Cassidy Rodriguez, Treasurer  
Shawn Lafferty, Asst. Treasurer  
Jeff Windham, Secretary

Guests Present: Chief Koteras, Chief Moore, Chief Leggio

Commissioner Hill called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at 27900 Robinson Road.

Receive public comments:

None

Adjourn Open Session:

The Open Session adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Reconvene Open Session:

The Open Session reconvened at 6:00 pm.

Review and act on personnel matters:

Commissioner Perinne made a motion as follows:

The board has determined the Local Government Code Chapter 177a does not remove firefighters from the workers' compensation system, but the case of Firefighter Corby McKenzie is an extraordinary situation.

Based upon the review of material presented by staff in closed session and consultation with legal counsel, the Board finds that Firefighter Corby McKenzie has suffered an illness related to Firefighter McKenzie's line of duty as a firefighter. Therefore, the Board orders that he be provided a leave of absence under Local Government Code section 177A.003. The Board further orders that Chief Koteras and staff use an average of Firefighter McKenzie's prior two full years of normal duty hours to determine the amount to be paid to

him and that he be provided his full retirement, health insurance, and other standard benefits. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Presentation of Recognitions, Certificates for Promotions and Appointments:

None

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

Commissioner Lafferty motioned to approve the minutes from the December 6th Board Meeting. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Consider and approve payment of accounts:

Commissioner Rodriguez motioned to approve the payment of accounts. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Receive Bookkeeper's Report:

Rosa Prudencio provided the October 2023 Bookkeeper's Report. No action was taken.

Review and act on the proposals for the purchase of new apparatus:

After a presentation by Department Staff and discussion, Commissioner Lafferty made a motion to approve the purchase of a new tanker apparatus for the price of \$620,000 from French Ellison Truck Center. Commissioner Perinne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Review and act on a multi-year agreement with the following vendors:

a. DroneSense

b. Ezee Fiber

Commissioner Lafferty motioned to approve the proposal from DroneSense for \$1700 per year for the next five years. Commissioner Perinne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Commissioner Perinne motioned to approve the service agreement proposal from Ezee Fiber. Commissioner Rodriguez seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote.

Receive list of District property marked for disposal as required per Policy P-061 and Chapter 775 of the Health and Safety Code:

None

Receive report from the District's Fire Chief:

None

Receive and act on report from the Construction Committee:

None

Receive and Act on Real Estate Matters, including sale, purchase, lease, and to authorize execution of necessary documents for same:

None

Consider Agenda items for future meetings:

None noted.

Adjournment:

Commissioner Perinne motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Approved By:

President, Justin Hill

Secretary, Jeff Windham

  


