



**MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT #8
BOARD MEETING
March 6, 2024**

Members Present:

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

Guests Present: Chief Koteras, Chief Moore, Caleb Smith, Trey Harvey, Lt Orozco

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

Receive public comments:

None

Presentation of Recognitions, Certificates for Promotions and Appointments:

Commissioner Perinne was recognized for achieving Certified Emergency Services Commissioner status.

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

Commissioner Perinne made a motion to approve the minutes from prior meetings. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Consider and approve payment of accounts:

Commissioner Lafferty motioned to approve the payment of accounts. Commissioner Perinne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 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

Review and act on Tanker 11-4 change order:

After the presentation of information, Commissioner Perinne made a motion to approve a change order for Tanker 11-4 build for \$9,525. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on MOC Technology purchases:

After the information was presented, Commissioner Perinne made a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$140,000 for the purchase of the technology package for the Mobil Operation Center vehicle. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on the purchase of a new Booster Truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus:

After presenting information and discussion, Commissioner Perinne motioned to approve the purchase and upfit modification of a used booster truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus for a price not to exceed \$220,000. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on the Letter from Montgomery County Tax Assessor regarding cancellation of delinquent taxes under Tax Code section 33.05:

Commissioner Perinne motioned to accept and approve a Montgomery County Tax Assessor letter about canceling delinquent taxes. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on property tax exemptions for 2024:

After discussion, Commissioner Perinne made a motion to adopt an Order establishing 2024 property tax exemptions at the same level as 2023 exemptions as follows:

- Homestead Exemption – 10%
- Over 65 Exemption - \$50,000
- Disability Exemption - \$50,000

Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on the MOU with Texas A&M Forest Service for conducting cooperative prescribed fire and mechanical fuel mitigation:

Commissioner Perinne motioned to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Texas A&M Forest Service for participating in cooperative prescribed fire and mechanical fuel mitigation exercises. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Receive 5-year Strategic Plan from the Fire Chief:

Chief Koteras distributed copies of the Department's 2024 – 2029 Strategic Plan.

Receive report from the District's Fire Chief:

Chief Koteras provided the Fire Chief's Report.

Receive and act on report from the Construction Committee:

Chief Moore and Caleb Smith updated the Training Center Project to the Board. No action was taken.

Adjourn Open Session:

The Open Session adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Reconvene in Open Session:

The open session reconvened at 6:57 pm

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

After presenting and discussing information, Commissioner Windham made a motion to authorize department counsel to issue a Letter of Intent to purchase land for the construction of future fire station 11-7. Commissioner Perrinne seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote.

Review and act on personnel matters:

None

Consider Agenda items for future meetings:

Review and act on finance package proposals for the purchase of Station 11-7 land and the construction of the Training / Maintenance Facility.

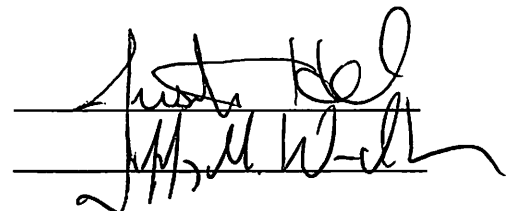
Adjournment:

Commissioner Perrine motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Lafferty seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-0 voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Approved By:

President, Justin Hill

Secretary, Jeff Windham



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