



Hardin County Emergency Services District 7

Minutes of Meeting on December 16th, 2024

Regular Meeting called to order at 6:44 PM

1. Establish a quorum was present. Curtis Davis called the meeting to order at 6:44 P.M.
2. Mr. Davis gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance. A quorum was present: Present was Curtis Davis, Elena Kelley, Denise Marcontell. Melanie Cotton and Mr. Lloyd Dodson was absent.
3. Public Comment- limited to 3 minutes; no formal action, deliberation, or comments will be made by any of the board members. None
4. Consent Agenda Items:
 - (a) Approval of the last meeting minutes.
 - (b) Treasurer's Report- Previous Bank Balance \$4,000.47. November debits - \$975.00. Bank Credit \$195.00 Bank Balance \$3,190.47.
 - (c) Accounts Payable –The Hardin County Appraisal District fee increased to \$1,605.38. The board agreed to make quarterly payments of \$401.35. Budget will need to be amended for the increase before approval.

Mrs. Marcontell made a motion to approve consent agenda items. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Moton carried. All voting for the motion.

5. Approval of Strategy and Goals mission / Vision for 2025 and Beyond:
 - a) Board agreed to wait to approve due to new commissioners being elected in January 2025. Board will resend to Bobby Love for his approval as well. Mrs. Marcontell made a motion to postpone approval. Seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Moton carried. All voting for the motion.
6. Approval of Fire Department contract:
 - a) Fire Department contract approval was tabled because Votaw/Thicket VFD just received it from Lawyer on Friday and Bobby Love has not had time to look over it. Tabled
7. Web Site update and requirements:
 - a) Mr. Kelley has completed webpage with the exception of personal contact data. She will update with commissioner's personal emails and post approved budget.
8. 2024 Request for Emergency Services District Information to be provided to the Hardin County Commissioners Court:

a) Mr. Davis read the letter from Commissioners court dated October 1, 2024, that was sent to all Hardin County ESD's. Mr. Berry from VTVFD was looking into information on Emergency Medical Services plan. Board will schedule special workshop to get this information completed and turned into the Commissioners court by deadline (February 1, 2025).

9. Mutual aid contract discussions with Kountze, Saratoga, Batson, Liberty Co, Segno:
a) Mr. Aaron Tupper (Emergency Management Coordinator) is working on agreements.

10. Submit report to the Texas Division of Emergency Management by January 1, 2025: Board will file paperwork with Fire Chief as TBD because of no contract signed. Board will schedule budget workshop to approve budget for filing (December 26th, 2025@6:30pm).

10. Discussion on any other non-agenda item without taking action, including reports from the Votaw/Thicket Vol. FD command structure; or announcements which may be of interest to the public.

a) New commissioners will be sworn in and terms effective January 1, 2025. New commissioners are Daneen Oswald (2 year term) and Tommy Shelton (2 year term).

11. Fire Chief's Report:

a) 3 medical, 4 fire, 1 rescue. A total of 8 calls.

12. Date for next monthly meeting:

a) The next monthly meeting is set for January 20, 2025. Budget workshop is December 26, 2024.

13). Mr. Davis called for executive session Government Code 551.074 at 8:25pm.

Board came out of executive session and resumed meeting at 8:40pm.

13. Mrs. Marcontell made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Kelley. Motion carried all voting for the motion.

Respectfully Submitted January 9, 2025

Elena Kelley, Vice President