

**MINUTES OF MEETING
SMITH COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER 1
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
LINDALE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, LINDALE, TEXAS
AUGUST 20, 2020**

Carolyn Todd, President, called the meeting to order.

Louie Brown gave the invocation.

Pledge by all in attendance to the American Flag lead by John Yarbrough .

Carolyn Todd certified that the Agenda was posted as dictated by law on the Board Website August 14, 2020, and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department on August 14, 2020. Board Members present in addition to Carolyn Todd were Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, John Yarbrough and Kenneth Smith. Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk was present.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the Agenda with the understanding that the items may be acted upon in any order. Motion seconded by John Yarbrough. All in favor and motion carried.

There were no citizens to talk at Citizen Talk Time.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, July 16, 2020, and Called Meeting August 06, 2020, Board of Commissioners. Motion seconded by John Yarbrough. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the proposed budget for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. The budget requested \$ 1,004,000 funds be made available to the Department.

A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the \$ 1,004,000 amount requested by the Department under the terms of the contract with the District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Motion seconded by John Yarbrough. All in favor and motion carried.

Annie Baldwin explained that the Board will need to approve Form 1295, Certificate of Interested Parties prepared by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. A motion was made by John Yarbrough to approve the document. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

At 4:10 p.m. Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the budget for the District for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed budget.

A motion was made by John Yarbrough to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:11 p.m.

Annie Baldwin discussed the budget for the District. She stated the projected Beginning Balance is \$ 230,908, projected Total Revenues is \$ 1,092,423, projected Total Expenditures is \$ 1,094,226 and Projected Ending Balance is \$ 231,605. A motion was made by Louie Brown for a Resolution to approve the budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 which includes funds to be paid to the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department under the terms of the contract. Motion seconded by John Yarbrough. Voting in favor of the budget were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, John Yarbrough and Kenneth Smith.

At 4:19 p.m. Carolyn Todd began a public hearing on the proposed tax rate for the District for the tax year 2020. There were no visitors to comment on the proposed tax rate.

A motion was made by Charles Froebe to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried. Carolyn Todd closed the public hearing at 4:20p.m.

Annie Baldwin explained the proposed tax rate of \$.065300 per \$100 valuation and is more than the no-new-revenue tax rate. She stated that all necessary and legal steps had been taken by the District to adopt a tax rate. Louie Brown made a motion for a Resolution “that the property tax rate for the Smith County Emergency Services District #1 be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.065300 per \$ 100 valuation for tax year 2020 which is effectively a 3.5 percent increase in the tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$ 100,000 home by \$ 2.21. A tax rate of \$0.00 be adopted for the payment of principal and interest on bonded debt of the District.” Motion seconded by Kenneth Smith. Voting in favor of the adoption of the tax rate were: Carolyn Todd, Charles Froebe, Louie Brown, John Yarbrough and Kenneth Smith .

Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief, presented the monthly reports for July. He said call volume is still lower than last year's. The chief stated that another firefighter had tested positive for Covid-19. They are disinfecting everything at the fire station every day.

John Yarbrough, Treasurer, presented the bills for the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department. The total requested for district fund was \$ 41,205.87. A motion was made by Louie Brown to approve the bills and pay the fire department the requested amount. Motion seconded by Charles Froebe. All in favor and motion carried.

Joe Yeakley stated the agreement for tower maintenance with ETMC, EMS, Doing Business as UT Health East TX EMS is still be considered and no decisions have been made at present time. Carolyn Todd tabled this item.

John Yarbrough presented the Treasurer's Report for July. A motion was made by Charles Froebe to approve the report. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

A motion was made by John Yarbrough to adjourn. Motion seconded by Louie Brown. All in favor and motion carried.

CAROLYN TODD, PRESIDENT

KENNETH SMITH, SECRETARY