

PC ESD #6
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 6:42 PM by D. Tillman
- Members present: D. Tillman, T. Lewelling, D. Fields, R. Dalton, T. Huffhines
- Invocation by W. Couch
- Pledges of Allegiance were recited.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. OFFICER'S REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- T. Lewelling signed checks this month. And visited the volunteers one day.
- T. Huffhines connected with First Financial for account access.
- D. Tillman – did electronic money transfers (20K transfer and 15,079.29 DACO truck payment)
- R. Dalton – visited SCFD ON 6/9 to sign minutes and toured part of the ESD 6 service area – Highland Lake Dr.
- Motion and second to approve the June minutes – all in favor.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/SCFD: Chief Teague

- 66 calls in June – 5 fire, 16 EMS
- One significant calls – single wide trailer fire in Lake Country – half of structure was still standing when volunteers left – had assist from Hood County, Weatherford, and rehab from Cresson and Brock. Resident had numerous animals of many kinds.
- Nothing mechanical with the trucks in June, replaced parts on an overhead door and replaced tires on a truck (in July)
- Avg. response time was 9:03 – Lots of EMS calls in July so far.
- We have exceeded our tax collections for this year. Collected almost 20K in back taxes from 2019.
- Another 644.00 was paid for back taxes on the Compressor Station tax rebate.
- Tanker unit 304 was given to ESD6 by ESD3 and some repairs are being done. 1200 spent so far to rebuild valves on the unit. Other work to be done at add'l cost – signal lights and door repair. Water pump, belts and turbo repairs done at Rush – bill was 952.00. The UPF is being assessed – rear unit will be about 1000.00 repair – rear intakes with damage unknown until tank is fixed. Warranty may cover some. Franks will be doing the alignment, and rotor repair and Kaiser will be doing the tie rods and tires (10). All that aside the unit is worth the investment.
- ESD6 will have a tanker now at all three facilities.

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CRESSON: Chief Becker (June report rec'd for filing)

- Total of 59 calls in June (400 YTD – on pace to meet the yearly of 800 in 2020)
- Breakdown of calls for the month of April:
 - PCESD6 = 11, City w/in Parker County = 1, Johnson County = 3, Hood County = 19, Tarrant = 25 – total of 59
- Major calls – Myrtle Ln. Fire 13 Responders, 3 hrs. out for an overturned 18 wheeler on Hwy 171
- Response time – 7:05 – Computer generated times of 3:20 for turnout and 3:45 for travel

4. UPDATE ON FOOD TRAILER OPERATOR

- Since we told the operator what was required we have not heard back from him.

5. UPDATE ON STATUS OF MANPOWER / VOLUNTEERS

CRESSON: Chief Becker

- Total roster of 70, (down 2) - 8 seniors, 5 on Mil/Educational Leave, 5 juniors and the Chaplain
- Adult Responder total comes to 51 – 31 are members and 19 are probationary (7 progressing slowly on requirements)
- 4 working applications
- End of June tested their call out performance with an EMS call and a simultaneous MVA call involving a 4 yr. old on Hwy 377. Call for MVA was not as communicated but all in all 17 volunteers responded to the 2 calls.
- On July 19th we had three simultaneous calls with 13 responders. Goal is 12 for a major call.

SPRING CREEK: G. Teague

- One lady volunteer applicant added (Horseshoe Bend)– retired EMT
- 5 interviews week of July 26th
- 3 people took class B exempt driving test – all passed
- 3 people passed National Registry for EMT -
- 1 person took Firefighter 2 test
- New officers – New Captain - Brendan Raymond and 2 new Lieutenant's – Jacob Williams and David Cabala
- Goal is to have one of the 6 of them on duty every day.
- Hired a person to work on the website. High hopes for that work.
- Lieutenant Calhoun resigned because of the new officers assigned.

6. DISCUSS DRAFT OF PRELIMINARY 2021 – 2022 BUDGET – hard copy handed out

SPRING CREEK

- Column I (pink) is the proposed 2021/2022 budget – 875K estimated vs. 871K of last year
- Waiting for assessment figures from the County
- Line 46 (20K) for previously budgeted truck – moved that money to other lines for other items
- Estimated increase in fuel expense – 2000.00 (due to increase in fuel prices)
- Aug. 31 and Sept. 20 budget work sessions planned (and regular monthly meeting) – expect to have better info from the county then. (Sept. 16-18 is annual safety conference)
- If we raise budget by 3% (most allowable without public hearings) we would still be the only ESD budgeted below the .10/100.00 valuation.

CRESSON

- Using a 95% risk factor, next year's total tax income at the 9.5 cents/100.00 valuation from the Cresson area will be 296,000.00. 275K was what was estimated last year.
- Oncor is located in the 377 area, is not a Coop so it pays property taxes that have been steadily rising due to improvements.
 - Property subject to ESD6 tax in 2017 was worth 1.2 mil.
 - In 2018 after the expansion it increased to over 50 mil of appraised value.
 - Last year, Oncor paid 81K in taxes on the 85 mil valuation, which included the transmission line infrastructure. Appraisal for next year projected to be flat.
- Other big taxpayer in our area is Hyponex (fertilizer manufacturer) – down at 9.5 cents
- The Enlink Gas co. off 377 is coming in at ~5 mil appraised value
- Pallet factory is coming in at a ~ 2 mil appraised value
- All of the neighborhoods are almost fully developed so new tax revenue in the ESD6 area is not clear at this point. Minor increase in residential valuations.
- Cresson gets funded from 5 different jurisdictions
- FEMA has a formula they use to determine expenses - through July using that formula our expense estimate is ~79K – just under 100K for the year.
- ESD6 so far this year is 32% EMS calls, whereas Tarrant is 52% EMS – EMS calls are estimated at 1/3 the cost of Fire calls.
- Requesting half of the projected difference between 80K and 100K – (90K)
- Payment on the truck that is still down in Cresson (35K) reflected in budget

- In the previous year budget ESD6 had budget money that helped with bumper gear, PPE, Pump for 530, Airpack bottle for new engine, and hand tools
- Hood County engine goes in for refurb later this year – expect to get the deck gun off it at no cost.
- Aside from the extra 10K for base operations, the only ask for this next budget is a vent fan – battery type (prefer Supervac that uses Milwaukee batteries) 4800.00 est. and a couple of battery chain saws est. at 400.00 ea.
- If we get that, the investment in Cresson would drop from 145k to just over 130K
- Line 25 reflects the payment for the Engine 530
- Proposed budget is down ~10% from previous

7. HEAR VISITORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR 5 MINUTES – No speakers to present

8. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- Budget

9. ADJOURNMENT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION / PERSONNEL ISSUES

- Executive session commenced at 8:00P.M Discussion of Volunteer Blake Moody – confessed to falsifying gov't. documents (payroll documentation) to inflate his hours worked defrauding the county of over \$2000.00 in pay. Other volunteers are aware of his offense.
- If he repays it is suggested that charges not be pressed – this will be a stain on his record.
- He also had job performance issues – he errantly mixed foam types in the engine.
- He has been suspended for the time being – Only the Board of Commissioners can terminate
- Agreement of the Board to notify Mr. Moody by certified mail of the requirement to return the 2000.00 in overpayment to Parker County ESD6, within 30 days.
- If he does not repay it will be turned over to the County D.A.

NOTE: Regular session resumed at 8:17 (motion by D. Tillman, 2nd by T. Huffhines)

- T. Lewelling makes a motion to collect restitution from Blake Moody for 2000.00 per agreement reached in Executive session. Motion seconded by D. Tillman

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion made at 8:19PM adjourn D.Tillman, seconded by R. Dalton, all in favor

