

PC ESD #6
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 6:03 PM by D. Tillman
- Members present: T. Lewelling, R. Dalton, T. Huffhines, D. Tillman, S. Harrison
- Invocation by T. Lewelling
- Pledges of Allegiance recited.
- Break at 6:39, meeting to resume at 6:45

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. OFFICER'S REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- T. Huffhines stopped in to sign checks, and produced the minutes
- T. Lewelling checked in a few times and signed checks
- D. Tillman transferred funds, restored auto-payment/transfers with the bank
- T. Huffhines motions to approve November 18, Executive Session minutes and January 23 Board meeting minutes, T. Lewelling seconds, - all in favor

2. ADMINSTRATIVE REPORT/SCFD: Chief Teague

- 78 calls in January – 14 fire, 55 EMS, 9 miscellaneous (Service call-4, Good intent-5)
 - Call times were an average of 10:02 - most fires were structural
 - Printout on call type breakdown along with other metrics provided for file
- Discussion on property owned by the county at 504 or 506(?) Lake Country Acres rd.
 - Attorney says could list it for sale – county assesses value at ~12K (~50 X 125' dimension)
 - Adjacent property owner offered 4K for the property.
 - There is a building on it (picture on file) but only 10% of the building is on the property owned by the County.
 - There is a building on the property but only 10 feet of the building is on the property owned by Parker County – legal implications of building location TBD
 - S. Harrison motions to authorize Chief Teague to pursue the sale of the referenced property, T. Lewelling seconds – All in favor.
- Awaiting parts for 3 different trucks – Brush truck needs a cable, Air tank ordered for Engine 344, Engine 44 awaiting parts for doors as well
- We will getting a check for 120K from the forestry service for the new brush truck
- 1.2 million in Property tax revenue so far
- Delinquent tax proceeds of ~50K for the last two years – not expected at that level this year

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CRESSON:

- Total of 88 calls in January 2024
- Breakdown of calls -PCESD6 =26, City of Cresson 4, Johnson County 3, Hood County 17, Tarrant – 25 (40 were EMS related)
- Response time – Computer generated times of 1:35 for turnout and 8:05 travel time, 38:30 avg. on scene time
- Significant calls
 - Two MVAs within two weeks
 - Head on collision at 16000 Block of 377
 - At the same spot, 2 weeks later, another head on collision (1 person in one vehicle and 5 in the other – after sunset)
- 4000 gallon tanker truck expected to deliver on March 1st, (total costs with outfitting ~640K)

4. UPDATE ON STATUS OF MANPOWER / VOLUNTEERS

- CRESSON:** Chief Becker on vacation – David providing report
- Total current roster 82

- (4 seniors, 3 support staff, 9 are on various forms of leave (7 military), 7 special members, 20 EMS qualified)
- **68 responders** (27 Probationary, 31 members, and 6 juniors)
- 5 pending applications
- 20 of volunteers answered 10% or more of the calls
- 5 Junior Members turn 18 this year

SPRING CREEK: G. Teague

- Roster of 30 active volunteers as of 02/13 (need 3-4 more for ideal complement)
- Saturday volunteer trainee program – continued development
- 3 Applications pending
- 1 new person on boarded (2 shifts so far) EMS certified
- Minimum 2 on day and overnight shifts needed.

5. DISCUSSION ON LONG/SHORT TERM GOALS FOR ESD6

- Sales tax election is in May 4th– early voting starts April 22
- Social media will be posted on the ESD6 website
- If the sales tax is approved, it will likely take until early in 2025 to actually receive revenues from it.
- If asked, it is not advisable to speak to what will happen to future tax rates (property) as a result of the sales tax.
- When the FAQ is produced by Touchstone, we can reference the talking points from it with community members
- Need to consider staffing levels to fill all the holes with the appropriate level of certification

6. UPDATE ON TOUCHSTONE SERVICES - CONSULTANT

- Explanation of Sales Tax implementation, 8.25% current max and how procurement of revenue through access to sales tax revenue. – State matching is 8.25% as well.
- Aim is access sales tax revenue to fund the needs of the community served by ESD6
 - (current sales tax is 6.75% so there is only 1.5 cents/dollar to gain from sales tax)
 - A new station is one of the needs of ESD6 based on size of the district and future growth projections – ESD6 also provides water rescue services.
- Service to the south and in the Horseshoe Bend and Tin Top areas are subject to long turn times do to distance and lack of full time personnel.
- ESD 1 & 8 already access sales tax – future needs will take time to fund and the district is growing rapidly – infrastructure and staffing are emerging critical needs to be met.
- Other entities can go after a share of the sales tax, it is a first come first serve process.
- Once other entities procure a share of sales tax they keep it in perpetuity unless a city annexation occurs
- ISO ratings are discussed.- Not clear that reassessment of that rating will benefit ESD6 residents (limited residential fire hydrants, response times, age of equipment, etc.)
- A community member asks if we have an estimate of revenue generated from the proposed sales tax
 - Answer: that data is not yet available but would be estimated and published as a course of normal business if the sales tax is approved or the Board requests the data.
 - It would cost money for a study to provide an estimation of this.
- Touchstone will prepare material to be provided via social media (ESD6 Facebook site) and flyers to be distributed – but we can't use county money to say VOTE YES
- Commissioners are safe to say how they would vote on the sales tax but not tell others how to vote
- If you are not comfortable speaking/responding to questions on the sale tax simply refer people to the FAQ on the website

7. UPDATE OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE PARKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

- **DEFERRED**

8. DISCUSS WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE AND TO INCREASE DEDUCTIBLE

- Because of 3 special workers comp claims over the last 2 years, a 1.6 modifier is now being applied to the insurance policy – increases insurance cost from 27K to 44K annually.

- Chief recommends a policy to stay in network (107 doctors in Network) and change the deductible to 1000K per visit and paying minor care visits upfront without filing.
 - This avoids a 7000 premium and is supported based upon historical claim costs
 - Premiums expected to decrease over time if Claims are reduced
- S. Harrison motions to adopt policy to stay in-Network with all Workers Comp claims and change the deductible on the Workers comp policy to 1000.00. T. Lewelling seconds the motion – all in favor

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10. HEAR VISITORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR 5 MINUTES – No visitors

11. NEW AGENDA ITEMS (January 16, 2024 meeting)

- Update from Touchstone Marketing proposal for Sales Tax Election
- Update of our agreement with the Parker County Hospital district
- Discussion on Lake Country Estate property possibility for sale

12. ADJOURNMENT

- T. Lewelling motions to adjourn the Board meeting at 7:52, T. Huffhines seconds motion – all in favor
- D. Tillman motions to call to order adjourn the Special Meeting for the RESOLUTION AND ORDER CALLING FOR A SPECIAL ELECTION ON THE ISSUE OF ADOPTION BY THE DISTRICT OF A SALES AND USE TAX PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 775, HEALTH & SAFETY CODE session at 5:20, T. Huffhines seconds the motion – all in favor.