

Minutes of the **August 25, 2016 Public Hearing/** Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at **6:30** P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited
3. Quorum present, Commissioners Shoppach, Gelasco, and Sanchez.
Commissioners Bonneau-Montoya and McLellan not in attendance.

Public Hearing convened at 6:35 P.M. at which time El Paso County ESD#1 Vice-President Eric Shoppach read the following statement:

This is a public hearing to give the taxpayers the opportunity to express their view on the proposed tax increase by 0.002647%. Public comments are welcome at this time.

No one in attendance to speak. Public meeting closed at 6:45 P.M. and moved into regular agenda.

4. Presentations: Mrs. Miranda, owner of one of the mobile food trucks is here to ask the Board for a reimbursement of \$196 for the fees she paid for an inspection of her food truck. She stated that she has fallen on hard times and will not be operating the truck. Fire Marshal Guillen stated that he had no problem with it however attorney Contreras stated that we would have to have some kind of a policy allowing it and that Mrs. Miranda would have to present a letter stating why the reimbursement was necessary. Also the Board will not be able to address this issue tonight as it is not an agenda item. Item will be placed on the agenda for the meeting on the 22 of September regular Board meeting.
13. Communications; 313 calls in July. 2 of their dispatchers are leaving, however they have 6 new ones in training. We have issues with the radios right now but they are on the dispatch side. The problem is being worked on. Motion to accept communications report made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by commissioner Gelasco. Report received.
14. Joe Saenz of Texas Gas Service addressed the Board regarding a live dig test being performed for the media and to discuss the dangers of gas leaks. They will bury a 100' long 2" diameter pipe and fill it with compressed air before purposely digging into it. They will then dispatch the Fire Department and work crews to show the amount of time a response takes. We will not charge for this event as it is public relations event. We will schedule an extra crew to respond on this event. Motion to approve made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Minutes were reviewed.
6. Financials; Motion to move money as presented by Administrative Accountant Ames made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Tax income reviewed.

8. Accounts payable reviewed. Motion to accept consent agenda made by commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Chief's report; Chief Menendez reports 236 calls in July and 1934 YTD. Stipend for July was \$35,916. The SAR team conducted training at Hueco Tanks and did some air support training. 6 members just completed swift water training. No problems with the fleet. Minor repairs on some items with end of year budget. FM402 is at R.T.C. having the emergency lights and siren installed. We have 4 firefighters that will be completing their one-year probation period. One Horizon firefighter just completed the academy and is now on with E.P.F.D., 4 others should be starting the academy soon. WE assisted Fabens with a large barn fire in Tornillo. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Report accepted unanimously.
10. Fire Marshal's report: Fire Marshal Guillen reports 210 operational inspection permits issued so far this year, and should hit 300 by the end of the year. We will be presenting the 2015 International Fire Codes to the Board for their approval in the next month or two. E.P.F.D. is planning on adopting the new codes in September. District#2 will adopt at the same time we do in an effort to keep fee schedules the same throughout the county. We have help wanted ads running right now looking for two Deputy Fire Marshals. FM Conference is in October and he is scheduled to attend. Also will be conducting Captain's testing for Miami Dade Fire in Florida for E.P.F.D. from September 9-16. Motion to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
11. EMS report: Chief Menendez reports that the ALS protocols are due from Life Ambulance next week. We will start training our paramedics on our protocols in October. Motion to accept EMS report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion to delete collection agency made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
15. Motion to table land purchase resolution made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
16. The general contractor for the expansion of Clint Schools is asking for special weekend inspections to keep from interrupting ongoing classes during the week. We have a schedule of fees for overtime work but have never addressed what the inspector would be paid for doing the work. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to pay the inspectors time and a half and to have Administration to write a policy regarding this for presentation and approval at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Motion made by Commissioner Shoppach to renew Dr. Berumen's contract as our medical director at a yearly fee of \$12,000. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.

18. Motion to delete cascade system made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item deleted.
19. Motion made by Commissioner Shoppach to allow \$8,225.64 for the purchase of equipment necessary for the ALS program. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to allow \$6,476.54 for the purchase of safety harnesses for the Quint. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
21. Motion to approve \$3,150 for shelves to be manufactured and installed in the classroom for the audio/visual equipment and computers to be mounted on. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
22. Chief Menendez asked the Board to extend his secretary's hours to 29 per week. That will still keep her under the 30 for a FTE. Motion to allow made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
23. We need two new Kussmaul charging units for the trucks. Unit price \$869. Total \$1,738. Motion to allow made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
24. Motion to delete canopy made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
25. Motion to table the letter to the County Commissioners requesting appointments of Commissioners to our Board made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
26. Motion to delete training made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
27. Motion to declare two MAC book computers obsolete and sell to employees for \$1.00 made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously
28. No Executive Session necessary
29. Motion to delete BRW Architects made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
30. Good of the District: We will be hosting 9/11 ceremonies here at the station. The Police Department is in charge this year however with ongoing construction at City Hall we felt it would be better if it was held here. We have been asked to take the Quint and the large flag to the Abundant Living Faith Center on Sunday 9-11 for a ceremony there.
31. Next meeting will be to set the tax rate on September 1, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. Next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be September 22, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.
32. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Shoppach. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.