

Minutes of the July 28, 2016 Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:38 P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited
3. Quorum present, Commissioners Shoppach, Gelasco, and Sanchez. Commissioners Bonneau-Montoya and McLellan not in attendance.
4. No presentations made.
5. Minutes were reviewed.
6. Financials; We do show some negatives in certain accounts. We are aware of them and will move money to correct after the budget process is complete.
7. Tax and Investment; We have \$1,677,432.79 in reserve right now.
8. Accounts payable reviewed. Motion to accept consent agenda made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
9. Chief's report; 239 calls in June and 1725 year to date. Last month we spent \$18,603.79 in stipend payments. We have 4 new recruits going through training right now and doing very well. This brings us to 41 firefighters on the roster. We have 10 applications ready for interviews which will be conducted next month. The fleet is all in good shape with some minor repairs being done with end of the budget year funds. We did have one fire in ESD#1 territory which turned out to be a case of arson. Homeowner admitted to setting fire to his trailer in an attempt to get rid of it. It was not for financial gain so no arrest was made. We have also had a warehouse fire in Montana Vista which we responded to on a mutual aid call and 2 other fires in ESD#2. The SAR unit was called out to another mountain rescue in the Hueco Mountains for an elderly female with heat exhaustion that had to be brought down. We had 11 of our personnel along with 7 from El Paso Fire for manpower. We will be sending some of the SAR guys to a swift water rescue class being taught here locally by Chief Menendez through El Paso Fire. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Report accepted unanimously.
10. Fire Marshal's report; Fire Marshal Guillen presented a short video on the importance of fire prevention and how fire departments are shifting the emphasis from suppression to prevention. We have issued 202 permits to date. Motion to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Report accepted unanimously.
11. EMS report; motion to delete made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item deleted.
12. Communications report; Communications reports dispatching Horizon Fire 288 times last month. We are accounting for 11% of the calls dispatched and 14% of the radio traffic. Fourth of July had extra dispatchers on Board and all went well. 2 new dispatchers have been hired and are going through

training. Motion to accept communications report made by commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Report accepted unanimously.

13. The 2016-2017 budget was presented by Administrative Accountant Ames. After much discussion a motion was made by Commissioner Gelasco to accept budget as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
14. A motion was made by Commissioner Shoppach to have all future non-profit agencies requesting reduced permit fees or inspection costs to bring their arguments to the Board and they will be handled on a case by case basis. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
15. The return check fee from our bank has been raised to a \$35 fee. We will do some homework on looking into a collection agency for bad debts. Motion to raise our returned check fee to \$35 made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion to delete Dr. Berumen's contract as it is not ready yet made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item deleted.
17. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco to table the shelves for the classroom. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
18. Motion to table writing letter to County Commissioners requesting they appoint members to the Board made by Commissioner Gelasco. There was a representative at the meeting from the County and she said she would talk to the woman in charge of appointments on Thursday morning to try and expedite this. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
19. Motion to allow \$3,394.93 for the purchase of 1ea A.E.D. Motion made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Commissioners retired into Executive session at 8:00 P.M. to discuss the following items;

20. Blair-Hall construction settlement was discussed
21. BRW Architects was discussed.
22. S.I.S.D. lawsuit was discussed.

The Board of Commissioners returned from Executive session at 8:20 P.M.
No action taken

23. Motion to accept the settlement amount to Blair-Hall as recommended by council made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
24. Motion to table BRW Architects made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item tabled.

25. Motion to table S.I.S.D. lawsuit made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item tabled.
26. For the Good of the District; We will be presenting our budget to the County on August 15, 2016. We have a man that wants to donate 1000 piñatas to us. He will keep them in storage until we want them. He wants us to give them away. We may use a bunch for National Night Out.
27. Next meeting will be August 18, 2016 for public hearings on the tax rate. We will have a public hearing on August 25, 2016 after which the regular Board of Commissioners meeting will be held.
28. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Shoppach. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.