

Minutes of the July 31, 2014 Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Quorum present: Commissioners McLellan, Shoppach, Bonneau, and Gelasco.
4. Presentations: None
5. Minutes of last meeting were reviewed
6. Quarterly investment report presented by Katherine Ames. Motion made by Commissioner Bonneau to transfer of funds. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Tax and Investment incomes were reviewed.
8. Accounts payable were reviewed.
9. No expenditures to approve. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
10. Chief's report: 251 calls in June and 1594 year to date. We had a cook-out at the Country Club on the 4th of July to keep the firefighters together in case of emergencies. Unfortunately some hand tools were stolen from the truck while parked in the parking lot. Approximate value of the lost tools is \$500. Maintenance; Rescue #401 was in the shop for injectors, approximate bill of \$1,000 and Recuse #402 was in the shop for brakes at a cost of \$1,100. Pumper #403 has a couple of issues that will be handled under warranty. Siddons-Martin mechanic will be here tomorrow. Training; we had 4 firefighters just return from Texas A & M fire school. Good training and they will be expected to put on classes to teach what they have learned. We had a mishap when one of the garage doors came down on top of the Quint while responding to a call. Repairs will run approximately 1,500 and will take 2-3 weeks to complete. A panel was switched from bay 11 to the Quint bay to put it back in service. Everyone is trying to keep an eye on the utilities and turning lights off to help keep costs down. Chief Keys states that he needs a new lap-top at a cost of \$2,200. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Fire Marshal Guillen not in attendance. Motion to delete report made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item deleted.
12. EMS report: Captain Ames reports our FRO is at Life Ambulance for review. We still have 90 days left on our FRO but will not wait until the last minute to renew. Motion to accept report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau. Report accepted.
13. Mario Gonzales, attorney for Roof-Toppers along with the president of Roof-Toppers came in with photographs and letters stating that the panels installed by them will not be warrantied due to the substrate installed by Blair-Hall. We explained to both parties that the Board of Commissioners cannot take any action as we did not sign a contract with Roof-Toppers; they were a sub-contractor of Blair-Hall and must take their arguments up with them and their

bonding company. We will schedule a meeting next week with Roof-Toppers, BRW Architects, Blair-Hall, Richard and Ron to try and remedy the situation. Motion to table made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.

14. Richard Contreras presented a check from the City of El Paso in the amount of \$25,675 which was due us for the annexation of property near Pellicano and Loop 375 without giving the District proper notification. Other case still pending but should be resolved soon. Motion made by Commissioner McLellan to close the savings account that had been set up at Socorro School District's request while awaiting the Attorney General's opinion on our authority for inspections and plans review. They decided that Richard could hold the check and that the account was unnecessary. Motion to close account seconded by Commissioner Bonneau. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Attorney Richard Contreras asked that this item be moved to Executive Session.
16. Motion to table automatic aid agreement made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau. Item tabled.
17. Motion to table citation schedule as Fire Marshal not in attendance made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
18. Quotation presented by Asst. Chief Menendez for 2) ea. Black-Max pistons for Pumper#403 and for the truck that will be delivered at the end of the year. These are valves that allow you to control; the water coming in from the hydrant at the truck. Motion to allow \$3,027.52 for the 2 pistons made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion to allow \$19,720 for 10 sets of Bunker gear pants, bunker gear jackets and suspenders. Motion made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
20. Motion to allow \$1,222 for 4) ea. Hydrant adapters made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item carried unanimously.
21. We have two contracts from Argyle for review. The first is for hydrostatic testing of our SCBA bottles. It must be done every 5 years. We have had E.P.F.D. do this for us in the past but it has become more difficult. We will fill in the blank that says the contract may be terminated by either party with 60 days' notice as it was left blank. The other contract is for Oxygen exchange. Currently we own 19 bottles and lease the others. When we take them in for re-fill we can exchange the leased bottles right then, but the bottles we own must be re-filled and given back to us up to a week or 10 days later. This also entails a second trip to pick up bottles. They will give us \$10 credit on all the bottles we own. Then they will come out to the station once a month and exchange the empty Oxygen bottles for full ones as needed. Motion to accept contracts made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Motion carried unanimously.
22. The EL PASO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 0.006405 percent (percentage by

which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 21, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX. 79928

The second public hearing will be held on August 28, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. at 14151 Nunda Ave., Horizon City, TX 79928

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Marvin McLellan, Eric Shoppach, Darryl Gelasco, Gerardo Sanchez and James Bonneau

Against: None

Present and Not voting: None

Absent: None

Motion carried unanimously

23. Motion made by Commissioner Bonneau to accept the proposed 2014-2015 budget as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
24. Motion to amend amount for electrician running power to the station alerting system to \$3,245.25 made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by commissioner Bonneau. Motion carried unanimously.
25. Physio-Control contract for maintenance on the AED's and Life-Packs: Motion to table made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Item tabled.
26. The Board of Commissioners retired into Executive Session at 8:43 P.M.
27. Fire Marshal contract discussed. No action taken.
28. Discussion of personnel, rules and guidelines were discussed. No action taken. The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:00 P.M.
29. Motion to accept renew Fire Marshal's contract made by Commissioner Bonneau and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
30. Motion to table personnel rules and guidelines made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau. Item tabled.
31. Good of the District: None
32. Next regularly scheduled meeting: August 28, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

33. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner McLellan. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.