

## Minutes of the November 28, 2023 Commissioners Special Meeting

1. **Call to order:** 6:34pm
2. **Establishment of a quorum:** Commissioner Mayberry, Commissioner Booth, Commissioner Rankins, Commissioner Berumen. Commissioner Anaya was absent due to a work commitment.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge was recited.
4. **Public Comment:** None
5. **Discussion and take action on the purchase of a new fire apparatus:** The Chief stated that our current ladder truck (Quint-401) is a 2007 and it is having a hard time keeping up with the call volume as a first out truck. The Chief discussed the purpose of this new vehicle and how it would be utilized. This truck could be here in 4-5 months instead of 4 years due to it being a stock truck. He spoke about all the items that are in the truck and of course that it will meet our needs. Administrator Ames spoke about the financing options and that there would not be a payment due until February 2025 if the loan closes in March or April of 2024. This truck will hit the open market on December 1<sup>st</sup>, but if we are to issue a Purchase Order by November 30<sup>th</sup> then we have the potential of being the first to be able to purchase the vehicle. The board asked about pricing discrepancies for the HGAC. The priority is to get a replacement truck now and not have to wait the four years that a custom build truck would take. Motion to approve the purchase of a new ladder truck, not to exceed \$1,810,507.00 was made by Commissioner Booth and seconded by Commissioner Rankins. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Board retired into Executive session at 7:00pm.

6. Discussion and take action on Legal Representation for El Paso County ESD #1.

The Board returned from Executive session at 7:33pm and no action was taken on item #6.

7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Rankins, Meeting adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Submitted by: Katherine Ames, Administrator

Reviewed by: Diana Hernandez, Administrative Assistant,