

Robertson County Emergency Services District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting
August 15, 2023 @ 6:30 p.m.
RCESD/EMS Office
285 Cooks Lane, Franklin, TX 77856

1. Call Meeting to Order

President, Robert Yezak, called meeting to order at approximately 6:30pm and noted a quorum was present, along with legal counsel. The Board of Commissioners met at the RCEMS Station 1/RCESD Conference Room, 285 Cooks Lane, Franklin, Texas.

The following were present:

RCESD COMMISSIONERS

Robert Yezak, President
Jerry Henry, Asst. Treasurer

Carla Barker, Vice President
Kayla Sanders, Commissioner

James McCullough, Legal Counsel
Hope Zeig, Executive Director

VISITORS:

Adam Gallagher, RCESD/EMS
Steve VonGonten, RCESD/EMS

Renda Jackson, CVFD/RCESD
Theresa Fowler, BJVFD

2. Public Comments

None

3. Consideration, discussion and any approval to FY 2023-2024 Budget (Action Item)

- **Reschedule Department Workshops with Subcommittee**
No rescheduling needed.
- **Review of Volunteer Fire Department. proposed budgets for FY 2023-2024**
A worksheet with all 8 Volunteer Fire Department's Proposed Request which included revisions made at subcommittee meetings. Total for all departments is \$1,020,217.

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| Blackjack - \$135,434 | Calvert - \$141,574 Easterly - \$48,985 | Seale - \$190,717 Wheelock - \$72,531 |
| Bremond - \$148,022 | Franklin - \$175,729 Hearne - \$107,225 | |

- **Review and discussion of Volunteer Fire Department FY 2023-2024 contract**
A list of recommended changes were presented:
 - Adding bunker gear, testing and other line items like loans (obligations) to the no adjustment
 - Require all testing be done by July 1
 - Preapproval for travel and possible procedures for departments.
 - Safety requirements

4. Consideration, discussion and any approval regarding Robertson County Appraisal District 2023 Certified Values for the Robertson County Emergency Services District and 2022 Planning Calendar (Action Item)

Typo: should be 2023 Planning Calendar and not 2022 Planning Calendar

The Board was presented with a copy of the Robertson County 2023 Certified Values and a Draft 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet

- **Presentation by Michael Brewer, Robertson County Tax Assessor**
Michael Brewer was not present but available by phone.

Discussion of rates with or without debt rate.

- **Discuss and act to propose a Tax Rate for Tax year (Action Item)**
\$ 0. _____/\$100 to include debit tax rate of \$ _____/\$100

Due to debt tax rate, take record vote and schedule the two Public Hearings.

Date: _____ Time: _____ pm (1st Hearing)

Date: _____ Time: _____ pm (2nd Hearing)

Commissioners Henry makes a motion to propose a tax rate for 2023 tax year of \$0.07290/\$100 to include debt rate of \$0.0064/\$100, and set a hearing for Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Vote:

Robert Yezak – yes

Kayla Sanders – yes

Jerry Henry – yes

Carla Barker - yes

5. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Robertson County Emergency Services District Purchasing Tower and Communications Equipment and Building Prior to Insurance Claim Determination (Action Item)

The radio equipment continues to corrode due to the humidity in the building causing intermittent breaks in transmissions.

Commissioner Sanders makes a motion to ratify the approval to purchase tower and communications equipment and building prior to insurance claim determination. Commissioner Henry seconded the motion, the motion carried.

6. Consideration, Discussion and Any Approval of Hearne Volunteer Fire Department Purchasing Second Combi Tool (Action Item)

During August 8 meetings, the board approved a combi tool for Hearne VFD, but they intended to preapprove two.

Commissioner Henry makes a motion to approve Hearne VFD purchasing a second combi tool for \$15,062.26 and shipping. Commissioner Sanders seconded the motion, the motion carried.

No executive session is needed.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- **Closed meeting (Executive Session) pursuant to Section §551.071 of the Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney; to wit: Consultation with Attorney**
- **Announcement of time and date closed meeting (executive session) for this matter ends and reconvene in open session.**
- **The Robertson County EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by the Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultations with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Properties), 551.073 (Deliberations regarding Gifts and Donations), 551.076 (Deliberations regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), and 551.087 (Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations)**

8. RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

- **The Robertson County EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT will reconvene in a public meeting to discuss and take action on related matters.**

9. Adjourn

Commissioner Barker makes a motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm and with no opposition the meeting adjourned.

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Next Monthly Board Meeting, Emergency Services District September 12, 2023