

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE
ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6**

DATE & PLACE September 14, 2020
Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1
1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas
6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT Chuck McCormack, President
James Malone, Vice President
Rick Beer, Secretary
Bill Howell – Ass’t Treasurer

CHIEFS PRESENT Chief Jake Escamilla
Ass’t. Chief Bobby McBride-FVFD

Two guests were present.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and declared a quorum present with only Commissioner Tommy Hamilton, Treasurer, absent. Chief Jake Escamilla led the invocation.
- II. Consider taking action regarding the District’s budget for fiscal year October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack moved to adopt the District’s FY2021 budget. Commissioner James Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- III. Conduct a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES:**
There were no comments from the public.
- IV. Take a record vote on the District’s 2020 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes and authorize filing the Order with the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack made the following motion: “I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0711 / \$100, which is effectively a 3.45 percent increase in the tax rate.” James Malone seconded the motion, and a record vote was taken and recorded as follows:
Chuck McCormack - Yea
James Malone – Yea
Bill Howell - Yea
Rick Beer - Yea
Tommy Hamilton – Absent
Motion carried unanimously.
Commissioner McCormack then moved to adopt and execute an Order Levying Taxes, and to authorize filing the Order with the Ellis County Tax Assessor/Collector. Commissioner James Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Authorize posting of a statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District’s website:**
Commissioner McCormack moved to post this notice on the District’s home page as directed by District’s legal counsel:
“ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6 ADOPTED A TAX RATE THAT WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.45 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.37.”

Commissioner Howell seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously.

VI. Approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 regular meeting and Public Hearing on Tax Increase:

Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the August 10, 2020 regular meeting/Public Hearing on Tax Increase minutes as written. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Financial Matters

A. Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills and review the financial reports: Bill Howell, Treasurer, gave the August 2020 treasurer's report. He stated the balance of the capital account as of 8/31/20 was \$1,198,047.66 and the checking balance was \$15,548.49. The August 2020 bills were \$10,126.57 (\$4,486.33 for EC ESD#6 and \$5,640.24 for ESD#6 VFD). The August 2020 Forreton VFD receipts were in the amount of \$12,512.37. Commissioner McCormack asked for any questions or corrections to the report, there being none, he requested that the treasurer's report be filed for audit.

B. Receive and approve payment of ECESD#6 bills:

Commissioner Chuck McCormack moved to approve the payment of the August 2020 ECESD#6 bills as presented. Commissioner Bill Howell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Public Comments: There were no comments from the public.

IX. Administrative Matters

- A. Consider signing letters of disannexation for two parcels of District land annexed by City of Waxahachie:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack moved to execute letters of disannexation prepared by the District's legal counsel for the two parcels of District land annexed by the City of Waxahachie. Commissioner James Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- B. Review contract revisions regarding changes in Phase I paving specifications and the related increase in cost at ESD#6 VFD Station #1:** Commissioner McCormack moved to accept Phase I paving bid from JK Excavation as proposed. Commissioner Malone seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner James Malone moved to approve the separate entrance widening proposal inclusive in this phase with the condition that Mr. Randall Dyess would pay one-half of the \$7,400 and we pay half (\$3,700). Commissioner Rick Beer seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. Discuss and consider approval of an Amended and Restated Non-Exclusive Access and Utility Easement for Station 1:** Commissioner Chuck McCormack moved to execute a legal document prepared by counsel, to wit, a Station 1 Easement Amendment with grantor allowing the District to place concrete paving on part of the described access easement. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded. Approved unanimously and executed.

X. Operational Matters

- A. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreton VFD monthly report regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership.** Assistant Chief Bobby McBride filled in for Chief Curry and reported 12 total calls with 4 being EMS assists.
- B. Receive report from Chief Jake Escamilla on ESD#6 VFD and ECESD#6 regarding emergency operations, response times, call volume, training, management activities and membership:** Chief Escamilla reported 77 calls for the month with 47 of these being EMS related.

- **Report on the progress of the currently ongoing ISO review of the district:** Chief Escamilla reported that all hydrants have been tested and the District is getting closer to final review.
 - **Update on P-25 Public Safety Radio conversion process:** Chief reported that it looks like City of Waxahachie will be online sometime in December but the P-25 coverage may not be widely available until late February or early March.
 - **Consider acquisition of a 2.5-ton military truck now available through a grant by the Texas Forest Service:** Chief Escamilla reported ESD6 VFD won the grant for a fire apparatus skid and a military truck if the District chooses to do the rigging, painting and conversion. Commissioner Howell moved to authorize Chief Escamilla to pursue the grant further and let the Texas Forest Service know they are interested. Commissioner Malone seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- C. **Set the date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting:** The date and time for the ECESD#6 next regular meeting was set for Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:30 PM at the ESD6 Station #1 at 1816 FM 66, Waxahachie, Texas.

XI. Commissioner Comments

Comments from Commissioners on future District-related administrative or operational issues:

Commissioner McCormack reminded the Board about the annual audit and asked the commissioners to be prepared to decide what, if any, action the District should take to change the annual audit's type or format.

XII. Adjourn

Commissioner James Malone moved to adjourn. Commissioner Bill Howell seconded. Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 8:07 PM.



Chuck McCormack, President
ECESD #6 Board of Commissioner
September 30, 2020