

MONTGOMERY COUNTY E S D 9 REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

The Commissioners met on August 13, 2024 at the District Office in Grangerland, Texas.

Mike Lee called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

All notices were properly posted, and a quorum was present. Commissioners present: Scott Guillote, Mike Lee, Lois Lindgren and Jamie Nash. Staff present: Chief Flannelly, Chief Sims, Chief Parish, Chief Huffman, and Tasha Crawford.

Absent: None

Invocation was by Chief Flannelly and the Pledge was said by all.

The regular meeting Minutes of July 15, 2024 were reviewed. Jamie Nash moved to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Lois Lindgren. Motion carried.

Monthly financial report ending July 31, 2024, was presented by Tasha Crawford. All money collected and expended as reported on the monthly financial report. Lois Lindgren made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion carried.

We will transfer funds from First Financial Sales Tax, Property Tax, and/or Money Market Accounts to First Financial Operating & Payroll Accounts accordingly to cover monthly expenses and payroll. The Board is aware the administrative officer will transfer \$125,000.00 into the operating account, \$325,000.00 into the payroll account and \$5,000.00 into the Capital Projects account for monthly expenditures. These total amounts are within the \$500,000.00 approved limit that was previously approved at the April 11, 2023 Board Meeting.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC:

CHIEF FLANNELLY'S REPORT:

Tanker 87 on deployment in west Texas for just over a week. One week of Officer orientation was conducted for newly promoted Officers. Rescue Strut demo was conducted at old Station 83. Yearly fire extinguisher testing and maintenance was completed. One ride along student Firefighter from TEEX.

EMS: 204 Fire: 204 Total: 408 **Total 196 last year.**

OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. All stations are reporting in good standing at this time, although Station 82 is trying to have some mold show up. Chief Thomas is on top of this and getting it attended to.

B. None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. The CD with First Financial has been tabled until next month.

B. We are moving forward with the Living quarters at Station 86. We have a plan in play regarding a loan and will present this at next months meeting.

C. We are closing on the Sale of Station 83, located at 12051 FM 3083 Conroe TX 77301, within the next month. The contract has been accepted for the full asking price of \$700,000.

D. Chief Flannelly went over the 2024-2025 budget with the board. He discussed the highlights and what is needing to be purchased next year. The percent that he would like to raise the full time

employees pay raise to try and stay in the market with neighboring fire departments. Chief Sims discussed the new PTO Buyback Program that has been implemented. The new program will help with budgeting purposes. The new step up/ ride up pay was discussed. The senior firefighters that will be riding up when able will now receive the difference in pay for this position. Lois Lindgren made a motion to accept the 2024-2025 Budget in the amount of \$7,652,500.00, that includes the PTO buyback program, full time pay raises, and the new set up/ride up program. Seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion carried.

E. 6 new firefighters will be starting orientation August 26, 2024. With the budget approved we are going to hire all 6 now as they are needed on the apparatus at this time.

F. None

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The 3 new Lieutenants, LT. Knepp, Reeder, and Sherrod, were pinned and presented their badges.

B. The 2024 Tax rate was discussed. All 4 board members are in agreement to with a proposed tax rate of .10 cents as we had last year. A public hearing will be held at Station 81 next month on September 10 at 5pm.

C. We received a refund in the amount of \$13,383.00 for overpayment on the workers compensation insurance. These funds will be put towards items wanted in the fire stations as in workout equipment.

D. The loan for Station 86 living quarters will be tabled until next month.

E. Sale of trailer behind Station 86 will be tabled until next month.

F. None

PURCHASE ORDERS:

See attached PO Spreadsheet...

** PO's 4242 – 4282 Total: \$68,176.91 Lois Lindgren moved to approve the above PO's as presented. Seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion Carried.

Jamie Nash moved to adjourn, seconded by Mike Lee. Motion carried.

The meeting closed at 5:35 PM.

Scott Guillote, President

Jamie Nash, Secretary