

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY E S D 9  
REGULAR COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Commissioners met on November 12, 2024 at the District Office in Grangerland, Texas.

Scott Guillote called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

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

Absent: Lois Lindgren

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

Oath of Office was administered to new board member Danny Moss.

The regular meeting Minutes of October 8, 2024 were reviewed. Mike Lee moved to adopt the minutes as written, seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion carried.

Monthly financial report ending October 31, 2024, was presented by Tasha Crawford. All money collected and expended as reported on the monthly financial report. Mike Lee made a motion to accept the financial report as presented, Seconded by Danny Moss. Motion carried.

\*Chief Flannelly mentioned the \$290,000.00 the board had agreed to move from the Fund Balance into this years budget for the down payment on the refurbish will be used for another future project.

We were able to pay for the down payment out of last years budget.\*

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, \$350,000.00 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:**

Tabletop emergency drill at Chevron Phillips as well as plant tour. State Farm local Representative Nick Nazar donated approximately 50 smoke detectors, station tour and lunch. Trunk or treat at several area schools, we did buy candy for each fire station, station 82 had 123 children stop for candy. Tasha and I visited a Runyan Elementary School in Conroe for a life skills class.

Reimbursements from TIFMAS so far totals: \$63,734.30, four more deployments being processed.

The new Ford Staff vehicle is in, once it is all competed will have on display for the Board. Whitney Volunteer Fire Department took our old surplus bunker gear, with the help of the helping hands program.

EMS: 193 (140)      Fire: 123 (83)      Total:316

**OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**A.** Stations are maintaining. SLI is still doing warranty work on Station 81 even though we are way outside of our warranty period! We will talk about station 86 & 83 later on in the agenda.

**B.** None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- A.** After discussion, Mike Lee made a motion to move all First Financial Accounts to the T-Bill that Lee Warren sent over and suggested. Seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion carried.
- B.** Station 83 has a tentative move in date of November 18<sup>th</sup>. The Lieutenants from Station 84 will be moved to Station 83 leaving the safety officer and a firefighter at Station 84. Chief Thomas has worked extremely hard on making improvements to the building that the construction didn't to get it move in ready. The fence going around the back of the building is being put up today. It looks amazing, if you have some free time swing by and see the changes.
- C.** Rene Bate Auction has concluded and we received \$355 on stuff that we were going to throw in the trash.
- D.** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A.** Mrs. Granger wants to donate the 1 acre property next to station 81 with the radio tower. The Cell tower company has first right of refusal for the property. Once they sat they do not want the property she would like us to give a letter acknowledging the land donation.
- B.** Mrs. Granger also has property off of 3083 she would like to sell. She has offered the department the first opportunity to purchase. This is 2- 5 acre tracts. The department would like to purchase 5 acres and Mrs. Granger wants the department to have the 3083 frontage. She would owner finance the 5 acres to the department. Total price for all 5 acres would be \$250,000.00. With this agreement Mrs. Granger would be able to name the future training facility. The department has offered to put half down (\$125,000) and Mrs. Granger would owner finance the remaining \$125,000 at 5% interest. She is in agreement and knows this project would not take of for another 5-7 years. The future plans for this site would be a training facility and admin building. A full contract agreement will be wrote up and signed by both parties if approved. Scott Guillote made a motion to purchase the property from Mrs. Bonnie Granger. Seconded by Jamie Nash. Motion carried.
- C.** In 2010 the County received a grant for radios. Those radios have met their life expectancy We have went out for radio grants the last 2 years and have been unsuccessful receiving the grant. This means we are going to have to purchase new radios and need to start looking at purchasing options that would best fir the department. We would like to piggy back off the Hospital District contract. This means we would enter an interlocal agreement with MCHD and be able to purchase radios at their rate which would be a savings for the department. We are thinking this would be approximately \$230,000 for handheld radios. We have the attorney looking into this and working with MCHD attorney to make sure this can happen. We will table this to be finalized next month at the December board meeting.
- D.** Service Awards are still a work in progress. We would like to give a department postcard, service years pin, and a gift card.
- E.** Owners Representative Contract is tabled until next month.
- F.** Texas Mutual has done the final audit of the year and we received a credit/refund of \$17,955.00. This credit was used towards this years workers comp insurance premium.
- G.** VFIS- Cigna Health insurance rates have increased and we are working on what we can do to make it better for the employee without breaking the ESD. This will be discussed more at next months meeting.
- H.** Surplus Gear has been donated through the helping hands program.
- I.** Chief Flannelly would like to look at getting an admin assistant in January. All the particulars are still being discussed as in if it will be full time or part time but would like the board to be aware of the discussion. This is tabled.

### **PURCHASE ORDERS:**

See attached PO Spreadsheet...

\*\* PO's 4354 – 4383 Total: \$72,686.13 Mike Lee moved to approve the above PO's as presented. Seconded by Danny Moss. Motion Carried.

Close Regular Session at 6:08pm    Open Executive Session at 6:08pm  
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Executive Session was an informative session and no action was needed to be taken.

Mike Lee moved to adjourn, seconded by Scott Guillote. Motion carried.  
The meeting closed at 6:33 PM.

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Scott Guillote, President

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Jamie Nash, Secretary