Hays County Emergency Services District No. 5
Kyle Volunteer Fire Department - Station 1 (Miller-Whitaker)
210 W. Moore St. - Kyle, Texas 78640
September 10, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting and Vote to Adopt Budget and Ad-valorem Tax Rate
Minutes

1. Special Meeting and Vote to Adopt Budget and Ad-Valorem Tax Rate was called to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was established with Commissioners Paul Terry, Eric Holen, Beth Smith, Susan Meckel, and Mike Fulton in attendance.

2. An invitation by Beth Smith was made to hear public comments on agenda items or other topics related to ESD No. 5. Company "F" Texas Ranger Trampas Gooding spoke regarding his need to have a small secure office space to use once or twice a month. Ranger Gooding said that he would not conduct any interviews in the office, nor would he need to use the District's phone system or internet system. He would not be storing any files in the office as he would take all of his paperwork with him when he left each time that he used the office space. No other public comments were offered at this time.

   Note – President Smith requested that item number 4 be presented at this time – see minutes for item4below.

3. Minutes were read from previous Regular Meeting and Public Hearing held August 27, 2014, and Public Hearing held September 3, 2014. Motion made by Mike Fulton, seconded by Eric Holen, to approve the September 3, 2014 Public Hearing minutes as read. Motion passed (5 - 0). Motion made by Mike Fulton, seconded by Beth Smith, to approve the August 27, 2014 Regular Meeting and Public Hearing minutes as read. Motion passed (5 - 0).

4. Discussion was held on use of reception area at Fire Station No. 1 for the Texas Ranger. Motion made by Beth Smith to allow Texas Ranger Gooding to have secure use of the reception office. Second by Eric Holen. Motion passed (5 - 0).

5. Discussion was held on acquisition of credit card with points system for departmental use. Motion made by Mike Fulton to have staff apply for the Broadway Bank Visa Bonus Rewards PLUS card with the $50 cash back on the first purchase to go back into the general fund to reimburse for the annual fee cost. Motion was seconded by Eric Holen. Motion passed (5 - 0).

6. Discussion was held on fee schedule for production of public records. Motion made by Mike Fulton, seconded by Beth Smith, to table this agenda item until the next Regular Meeting. Motion passed (5-0).

7. Discussion was held on proposed budget for FY 2014-2015 and matters relating to the same. No action necessary.

8. Discussion was held to adopt budget for Hays County ESD No. 5 for FY 2014-2015. Motion made by Paul Terry to adopt the budget for Hays County ESD No. 5 for FY 2014-2015 as presented in the amount of $2,164,604.00. Motion was seconded by Mike Fulton. Motion passed (5 - 0).

9. Discussion was held to adopt by resolution an ad-valorem tax rate for Hays County ESD No. 5 for FY 2014-2015.

   - Motion made by Commissioner Eric Holen: "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of ten cents and zero one-hundredths cents per one hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a 4.82 percent increase in the effective tax rate." Motion was seconded by Mike Fulton. Motion passed (5 - 0).

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- Upon passage of the motion to adopt a tax rate of ten cents and zero one-hundredths cents per one hundred dollars valuation, which is effectively a 4.82 percent increase in the effective tax rate, the Hays County ESD No. 5 moves to adopt the following resolution:

Hays County Emergency Services District No. 5
Resolution No. 09-10-14-01

A resolution of the Hays County Emergency Services District No. 5 ("the District") setting the ad valorem tax rate for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015 ("the Fiscal Year"):

WHEREAS, the District has adopted a budget for the Fiscal Year; and

WHEREAS, the budget requires that the District set an ad valorem tax rate to meet maintenance and operations costs of the District:

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the District hereby sets an ad valorem tax rate of ten and zero one-hundredths cents per one hundred dollars of valuation for the Fiscal Year.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAT LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISE BY 4.82 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A $100,000.00 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY $4.60.

- Motion made by Mike Fulton, seconded by Paul Terry, to adopt Resolution No. 09-10-14-01.

  A roll call for vote was taken on the proposed motion as follows:

  Paul Terry - Aye
  Eric Holen - Aye
  Beth Smith - Aye
  Susan Meckel - Aye
  Mike Fulton - Aye

  Motion passed (5 - 0).

10. Discussion was held on matters relating to personnel. The District reserves the right to enter into Closed Meeting on this agenda item pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

- Discussion was held relating to the appeal process. Motion made by Paul Terry to change SOP 100-108 appointment of an Appeal Board to remove the Fire Chief and to replace that position with the appointment of a second Board Member. Motion was seconded by Eric Holen. Motion passed (5 - 0). Motion made by Eric Holen to add a Substitution Policy which would allow replacement of an Appeal Board member in the event that a member cannot serve; in which case, the two ESD Commissioner Appeal Boards members can appoint an equally qualified replacement. Motion was seconded by Mike Fulton. Motion passed (5 - 0).

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- Board convened to Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. for discussion regarding appeal by Susan Bauer pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code. Executive Session concluded at 8:08 p.m. and no action was taken by the board during Executive Session.. The Regular Meeting was reconvened at 8:09 p.m. Commissioner Beth Smith was absent at 8:09 p.m. and returned to Regular Meeting at 8:10 p.m.

11. Discussion was held, with no action taken, regarding old business.

12. Discussion was held to set workshops and/or meeting sessions of HCESD No. 5. Motion made by Susan Meckel, seconded by Paul Terry, to cancel the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2014, and for the next Regular Meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., unless need arises for a special meeting prior to that meeting. Motion passed (5 -0).

13. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Meckel, Secretary
HCESD No. 5

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