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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 18, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 – Board Room
16001 Socorro Road
Fabens, Texas 79838

THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC VIA WEB:

<https://hype.onescreensolutions.com/epcountyesd2>

Posted: Friday, October 14, 2022

All matters listed on this agenda may be discussed in executive session at the option of the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Commissioners following verbal announcement if an appropriate exception to the open meeting requirement of the Texas Open Meetings Act is applicable.

1. Call meeting to order

*Meeting was called to order by **Chief Esparza at 6:00 P.M.***

Pledge of Allegiance

Prayer

2. Establishment of Quorum

Present: *President Adrian Santana, Vice President Mike Diaz, Treasurer Rick Avalos, and Commissioner Mike Barnes*

3. Public comments: must notify the board to speak on certain agenda items.

(5 minutes) Public can comment by calling: **(915) 213-3008**

Pin Code: 256 921 437# or if in person sign in sheet will be provided.

No Public comments.

Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the special meeting held on September 26, 2022.



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11. Discuss and take action on amending FY 22-23 Budget.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

12. Discuss and take action on the excess collateral from Chase bank.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: President Santana

Seconded by: Vice President Diaz

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

At 6:41 PM moved to Item #20.

13. Discuss and take action on the 10th Annual Holiday Dinner.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, not to exceed \$7,000.00.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnes

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

14. Discuss and take action to ratify the invoice to EMS Life Academy for West Valley Fire Department's members to attend Basic EMT Class. Course total cost is in the amount of \$3,330.00 to include tuition, uniform, background check, drug screen, and immunizations.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnes

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

15. Discuss and take action to ratify the previously approved purchase of three mannequins for the West Valley Fire Department from DACO Fire Equipment. Total amount is \$12,294.53.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None



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16. Discuss and take action to ratify the purchase of a range for West Valley Fire Department from Economy Restaurant & Bar Supplies, in the amount of \$2,095.00.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.
Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
Members Not Present: None

17. Discuss and take action to ratify the hail damage video camera replacement and installation for West Valley Fire Department from Sun City Communications, LLC in the amount of \$4,390.00.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.
Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
Members Not Present: None

18. Update on previous discussion on individual training for all fire departments and paid staff.
Submitted By: Commissioner Barnes

Informational purposes.

19. Discuss and take action on allowing two board members to attend the department business meeting to talk to the members about the direction the district is going and to answer questions the firefighters may have.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, two board members will be alternating to attend departments meetings once a year. Board would like answer questions and have an open relationship with all members.
Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** President Santana
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
Members Not Present: None

20. Discuss and consider for approval: Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the El Paso County Emergency Services District No. 2 regarding loan.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, loan through Amegy Bank in the amount of \$680,000.00 at 4.10% interest rate to include a first year payment in the amount of \$126,003.39.
Motioned by: Commissioner Barnes **Seconded by:** President Santana
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
Members Not Present: None



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Executive Session

*The El Paso County ESD #2 is now entering into a closed meeting, pursuant to the Texas Government Code section 551-071: to consult with the District Attorney concerning all matters identified in the agenda. Where board members seek the advice of their attorney as privileged communications. The date is **Tuesday, October 19, 2022**, and the time is **7:03 PM**.*

21. Discussion on legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

22. Discussion on personnel matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

*The El Paso County ESD #2 has completed its closed meeting. The date is **Tuesday, October 19, 2022**, and the time is **7:32 PM**.*

Regular Session

23. Take action on legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: To delete item.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

24. Take action on personnel matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: To delete item

Motioned by: President Santana

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

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25. Discuss and clarify when an employee will receive a pay raise.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Ten (10) step raise after first year of employment.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz

Seconded by: President Santana

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

26. Discuss and approve the next meeting to take place on _____ at
6:00P.M via web and open to the public in person.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, Tuesday, November 15, 2022.

Motioned by: President Santana

Seconded by: Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members Not Present: None

27. Adjournment at 7:34 PM.

* The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items not on the agenda, but that this opportunity is provided as a privilege. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/he may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.