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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2022
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 – Board Room
16001 Socorro Road
Fabens, Texas 79838

DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR LOCAL DISASTER CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GUIDANCES, ORDERS AND DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER RELATED THERETO, THE DISTRICT MAY EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO HOLD THE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR OTHER REMOTE PROCEDURES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY AND RISKS OF CONVENING A QUORUM IN ONE LOCATION. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC VIA WEB:

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

Posted: Friday, March 11, 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 6:04 P.M**

Pledge of Allegiance
&
Prayer

2. Establishment of Quorum
Present: Vice President Mike Diaz, Commissioner Mike Barnes, and Treasure Rick Avalos
Absent: President Santana and Secretary Jaquelin Butler
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: 936 384 164#

6:44 PM Elmer Williams presented exit indicator device with Houston Fire.



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Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 15, 2022.
5. Discussion and action on the financial report.
 - a. Report on the bank balances.
Money market, operation account, inspection account
 - Bank reconciliations
 - Check registers attached
 - Department profit & loss budget vs. actual

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnes **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

Regular Agenda

6. Discussion on Communications Report by Elva Ramos.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
Informational purposes.
7. Discussion on personnel matters report by Tommy Cano.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
8. Discussion on monthly report by Chief Esparza.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
Informational purposes.
9. Discuss and take action on ratifying the purchase of fuel from C&R Distributing in the amount of \$6,710.16.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

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10. Discuss and take action on approving expenditures exceeding two-thousand dollars: repairs to RP201 to replace transmission computer from Stewart & Stevenson Power Products LLC in the amount of \$3,149.20.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

11. Discuss and take action on approving to pay the yearly renewal fees from ESO Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$19,278.16 and BAYCOM in the amount of \$5,760.00.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Commissioner Barnes **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

12. Discuss and take action on approving Socorro Fire Department to purchase gym equipment from The Fitness Superstore in the amount of \$4,997.29. The amount will be off set with grant provided by VFIS of Texas in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

13. Discuss and take action on approving Socorro Fire Department to purchase Firefighter I and II DVD's series from ActionTraing Systems in the amount of \$6,322.11 along with a smoke generator stater kit from DACO Fire Equipment in the amount of \$4,053.25 **or** a Black Board Platform for Online Classes Firefighter I and II in the amount of \$10,000.00. The amount will be off set with grant provided by Texas A&M Forest Service.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

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14. Discuss and take action on the sale of (FM912) 2005 Chevrolet 1500 VIN# 2GCEC13T151253087, (R307) 2000 Ford F-550 VIN# 1FDAW57F41EB70713, (R308) 2013 Chevy Tahoe 1GNSK2E02DR137621, and a (R601) 2009 Spartan VIN# 2S7TN2B939C070186.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

15. Discuss and take action on allowing all Fire Chiefs and Assistant Chiefs to attend Fire-Rescue International Association of Fire Chiefs in San Antonio, TX [August 24 – 26, 2022]. Expenses to include travel, hotel stay, per-diems and registration fees.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Treasurer Avalos

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

16. Discuss and take action on reimbursing the Fabens Fire Department in the amount of \$5,116.00 for 2 members taking an Online Basic Structure Course through R&D Gothard Enterprises Inc.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

17. Discuss and take action on Bid # 2022-0201-1 awarded to Master Team USA to remove and replace metal siding on the outside of building in the amount of \$19,200.00 at Tornillo Fire Department.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

18. Discuss and take action on Bid # 2022-0202-1 awarded to Master Teams USA to paint outside of building at Clint Fire Station #3 in the amount of \$32,000.00.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

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19. Discuss and take action on Bid # 2022-0203-1 awarded to J&E Sanchez Painting LLC to paint the outside of building in the amount of \$24,720.00 at San Elizario Fire Department.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Vice President Diaz

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

20. Discuss and take action on transferring property at Clint Station #2 at 14885 Las Colonias to El Paso County Emergency Services District #2.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

21. Discuss and take action on amending updated E.S.D. #2 S.O.G.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

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, March 15, 2022, and the time is 6:54 PM.

22. Discussion on legal and personnel matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

The El Paso County ESD #2 has completed its closed meeting. The date is Tuesday, March 15, 2022, and the time is 8:16 PM.



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Regular Session

23. Take action on legal and personnel matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: To proceed as deliberated.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

24. 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, Regular Meeting April 19, 2022.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

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

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Secretary Butler

25. Adjournment at 8:17 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/she 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.