

### 16001 Socorro Road Fabens, Texas 79838

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# MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

Date: Friday, July 30, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 PM

Place: El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 – Board Room

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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.onescreensolutions.com/epcountyesd2

Posted: Monday, July 26, 2021

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.

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

Pledge of Allegiance & Prayer

Establishment of Quorum

**Present:** Vice President Mike Diaz, Treasurer Rick Avalos, and Secretary Jaquelin Butler **Not Present**: President Adrian Santana and Commissioner Mike Barnes joined meeting at 6:02 PM.

3. Public comments: must notify the board to speak on certain agenda items. (5 minutes) Public can comment by calling: (915) 213-3008

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# **Consent Agenda**

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 20, 2021.

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz Seconded by: Secretary Butler

Members Voting Aye: Vice President Diaz, Treasurer Avalos, and Secretary Butler

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana and Commissioner Barnes

### Regular Agenda

5. Discussion and action on the preliminary Budget review for FY'21 - '22. Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Commissioner Barnes joins meeting at 6:02 PM.

**Motion:** Approved, with option #2 with the proposed tax rate of \$.010/\$100 and the use of \$1,309,487.48 from reserves to balance the budget.

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

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, Secretary Butler and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana

 Discuss and approve the next meeting to take place on <u>Tuesday August 17</u>, <u>2021</u> at 6:00 P.M via Web to the public and in person for ESD2 Board of Commissioners.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Vice President Diaz Seconded by: Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, Secretary Butler and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: President Santana

#### 7. Adjournment.

<sup>\*</sup>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 filled 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 inquiries 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 intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code i