

PC ESD #6

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 7:24 PM by D.Tillman
- Members present: T. Lewelling, R. Dalton, T. Huffhines, D. Tillman, S. Harrison
- Invocation by T. Huffhines
- Pledges of Allegiance recited.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. OFFICER REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 16, 2024 BOARD MEETING:

- T. Huffhines signed checks and attended a meeting with a prospective architect to plan for new building on Tin Top and T. Lewelling paid visits to sign checks
- S. Harrison listened in on the Safe-D training for taxation
- D. Tillman transferred funds to pay bills and buy the utility truck
- T. Huffhines motions to approve minutes from July 16th Board meeting, T. Lewelling seconds – all in favor

2. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/MANPOWER – VOLUNTEERS- SCFD:

- 41 total personnel on roster – 3 applications pending, 1 resignation, 1 terminated, 1 on time off, 1 reduced in rank, 2 fully TCFP certified, 1 new EMS certified
 - 5 hired last month are working out well
- All facilities are in fine working order.
- Engine 44 parts came in and will be repaired after Labor day
- Brush truck 344 is having have a new turbocharger installed – now has a bent driveshaft due to being high-centered on a rock – waiting on parts
- Tanker 44 has a leaking pump and has been taken in for a fix.
- Chief Teague will be receiving medical care (right knee scope)
- Generator purchased with last year's fund to be installed this winter
- Call volume: Total of 71 in July (15 Fire, 43 EMS, all others 13 (Hazards, Service calls, Good intent, and SVR WX/Natural Disaster)
- Call times - 1:16 turnout, 11:34 travel time, Time on scene ~35 minutes
- Other metrics, including call data by zone, on file

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT CRESSON

- July – 91 calls, 530 YTD (vs. 502 YTD in 2023)
- Breakdown: Parker County (ESD6) – 19, Cresson-3, Johnson-4, Hood 21, and Tarrant – 44
- Call times: Turnout – 1:21, Travel – 7:29, Total avg. 8:50 avg. total minutes
- Southbound Cresson bypass is open, Northbound lanes may be open by Thanksgiving
- Significant calls:
 - 8/14 Fire on the Moncrief Ranch – over 236 acres burned in one section alone
 - Forestry Service was on scene as well
- Manpower:
 - Responders - 60 (Responders 29, Probationary 28, Juniors 3)
 - Leaves – 20 (1- Education, 3-Military, 8- Seniors, 8- Special Members)
 - Total roster - 80
 - 15 ECA's, 7 EMT's, (Paramedics) for a total or 31 EMS Responders (2 Registered Nurses)
 - 1 applications pending

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET – SCFD

- Also discussed in Special Meeting
- Health Insurance (PPO) rates are discussed – 4 different quotes (levels of coverage)
 - Various levels of coverage are under consideration – (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
 - Employee only coverage
 - Various deductible levels are an option – lowest deductible runs 39K/per annum
 - Details pending for September meeting
 - Multiple variables will influence rates e.g. numbers covered, uninsured status, age of those covered – HMOs do not seem feasible and PPO provides the best coverage per rate.
- Retirement fund and Health Insurance to be considered after more details are provided.
- Partial (less than 1 per shift) full time coverage discussed – deemed as neither ideal or competitive

5. DISCUSSION OF CRESSON BUDGET REQUEST FOR 2024-2025

- Proposes annual contract payment of 140K (up from 120K this year) – this equals 76% of the estimated costs to service ESD6 calls – no increase in the last budget cycle

6. DISCUSSION OF PURCHASE OF UTILITY TRUCK – 2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$48,000

- R. Dalton motions to approve the PURCHASE of a new UTILITY TRUCK – (2024 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROXIMATELY \$48,000), T. Lewelling seconds the motion – all in favor

7. UPDATE OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE PARKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

- Reviewed preliminary design issues for a new combined facility with ambulance facility on one end and Fire facility on the other end with bays in the middle with an Architect.
 - 19K for cost estimate on design (not decided to go that route)
 - May consider a Design/Build process after an RFP
 - Design/Build cost on a per hour basis is estimated at ~2.5 million
 - Not sure if Hospital District is going to fund and build or partially fund the build with financing
 - Designs expected in time for the September meeting – Floor plan and Elevation cost estimates
 - An administrative 3rd party functioning between builder and financier
 - Hospital District is not settled on financing yet
 - Architect will produce a line drawing to help consider use of space
 - The facility is expected to take up to 4 of the 5 lots
 - 50 foot setback planned for a facility
 - 5th lot may be used as a parking lot and a drive around the back of the facility
 - Fire facility is planned for the north end of the lots to keep it closer to existing facility
 - Old blue building planned for tear down.

8. UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE 3 LOTS ON TIN TOP ROAD NEXT TO STATION 2:

- Property on Tin Top report: 60 days until ESD6 can take possession
- No sign of any clearing as of 8/20/2024

9. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- **Budget Work Session to be scheduled for 09/17/2024**
- **Adoption of 2024-2025 BUDGET – SCFD**
- **Adoption of 2024-2025 Tax Rate**
- **UPDATE OF OUR AGREEMENT WITH THE PARKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**
- **UPDATE ON STATUS OF THE 3 LOTS ON TIN TOP ROAD NEXT TO STATION 2:**

10. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS (HEAR VISTORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR FIVE MINUTES):

- NA

11. ADJOURNMENT

- S. Harrison motions to adjourn the meeting @ 8:28, T. Lewelling seconds the motions – all in favor