

HARRIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 47

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

August 11, 2021

The Board of Directors of Harris County Emergency Service District No. 47 (“the District”) met in regular session, open to the public, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Westlake Fire Department, 19636 Saums Rd., Houston, TX 77084, a designated meeting place of the Board and via telephone conference due to the current COVID-19 pandemic. The Commissioners and members of the general public may participate in the meeting via Zoom video conference (using the video provisions of Section 551.127 of the Texas Government Code). The designated and primary method for participation is by telephone conference call pursuant to Chapter 551.125 of the Texas Government Code. The roll was called of the duly constituted members of the Board, to-wit:

Brian Havran	President
John P. Blanke	Vice-President
Gilberto Porras	Secretary and Records Retention Officer
Mitchell Copeland	Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer
Mike Miller	Treasurer

Commissioner Havran, Commissioner Porras, and Commissioner Copeland were present at the Fire Station. Commissioner Blanke and Commissioner Miller was present via zoom. The meeting was recorded via zoom.

Also present at the fire station were Santos Acuna of Precision Utility, LLC, the District’s Bookkeeper (“Bookkeeper”); W.A. “Butch” Callegari, Jr. of Callegari Law Firm, PC, Attorney for the District (“Attorney”); and Alberto Sayago, Fire Department Board Treasurer.

Commissioner Havran called the meeting to order at 7:13p.m., and the following business was transacted.

Attorney Callegari confirmed that COVID emergency still exists and explained the protocol for electronic meetings and in person meetings.

There were no members from the public so public comment was deferred.

Commissioner Havran then recognized Santos Acuna. Mr. Acuna presented the District with checks to be signed. **After review, Comm. Copelands motion, seconded by Comm. Porras to approve the payment of the bills as presented, received unanimous consent of the Board.**

The interlocal agreement between the District and WestComm was discussed. Attorney Callegari discussed the items he asked to be changed on the agreement such as making it an interlocal agreement, changing the county to Harris, and 90-day termination. All other changes had already been made. The matter was agreed to at the last meeting, so no action needs to take place tonight.

Termination of services with CCEMS Comm Center was then discussed. Attorney Callegari reviewed the contract, and it states there is a 90-day notice of termination or a termination with mutual consent. Comm. Havran read a letter from Mr. Coveler. Attorney Callegari stated that Mr. Vie will be presenting the District with a document to terminate the services with CCEMS but has not yet done so. **After review, Comm. Copeland’s motion, seconded by Comm. Porras to authorize Commissioner Havran to sign the termination agreement after it is reviewed by Attorney Callegari, council for the District received the unanimous consent of the Board.** Attorney Callegari stated the MOU was sent out but CCEMS has not agreed to it yet.

Alberto Sayago, Treasurer for the Department joined the meeting at the station.

The revised contract with Westlake was discussed. It is now in final form. It was reviewed by the District. **Upon motion by Comm. Porras and seconded by Comm. Copeland, the Board unanimously approved the contract as presented tonight in paper form at the meeting.**

Attorney Callegari accepted completed applications for the upcoming election. He advised the commissioners that there are indeed four candidates and the District will need to call an election. Comm. Havran, Comm. Miller and Comm. Porras all turned in applications. Attorney Callegari received an application from Mr. Vance as well.

The Tax Levy was discussed. The District received preliminary values. The no new revenue amount is \$0.078827, the voter approval rate is \$0.081660 and the de minimis rate is \$0.090237 per \$100 valuation. Attorney Callegari explained the process and what each rate entails. Comm. Blanke did not feel the District needed to increase the ad valorem tax rate. By consensus, the District did not wish to exceed the de minimis rate so, therefore, there was no need to call for an election. Attorney Callegari will forward the information to the District and post in the paper accordingly. After discussion the consensus was to wait for the final numbers.

**THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS TO CONDUCT, Comm. Porras motioned for adjournment at 7:57 p.m. Comm. Copeland seconded the motion, which received the Board's unanimous consent.**

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Passed and approved (date)

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Gilberto Porras, Secretary