



North Hays County
Emergency Services District #1
P. O. Box 1604, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Consent Item #5 did not require approval, but only acknowledgement.

D. REPORTS

1. North Hays County Fire/Rescue (NHCFR)
 - a. Status of shared facilities at new Sawyer Ranch Rd station
Chief Collard reported on call volume, progress with the new fire station on Sawyer Ranch Road, and that a lease agreement was due soon for ESD 1's consideration.
2. San Marcos Hays County EMS (SMHC EMS)
Chief Weinberg reported on response activities and the vaccination effort. Jolind Tays reviewed the financial information for March and year-to-date.
3. District Administrator (DA)
 - a. Sewer connection project for 111 EMS Drive
DA Fowler reported the survey was complete and delivered to the City. All documents were taken to the County Clerk's Office for recording. Accent Plumbing was advised a permit could be pulled. Accent Plumbing has tentatively planned to start the project the week of May 3rd, 2021. Additionally, in order to better handle the time without water to the building, a water delivery service was initiated with staging of 50 gallons of water for drinking and cooking purposes. Porto-potties need to be ordered.
 - b. Update on new property
Lyn Alderson reviewed the work completed and reported the District was in good shape to move forward with closing on the property on North RR 12.

Kevin Herron reviewed the site plan. The Board discussed several of the elements. Commissioner Luddy and DA Fowler were assigned to review the site plan and look for efficiencies in construction costs.
 - c. Status review of Recommendations from Winter Storm "Snovid."
DA Fowler reviewed status of recommendations from the winter storm after action report.
4. Emergency vehicle travel accommodation during future US290/TX71 interchange construction.
Commissioner Tahuahua discussed construction TXDOT plans.

E. COMMITTEE UPDATES

1. Community Outreach Committee (Tahuahua & Luddy)
Nothing new to report.
2. Website/Facebook Committee (Tahuahua & O'Brien)
Nothing new to report.
3. Finance Committee (Lane & Debish)
Nothing new to report.
4. Budget & Long-Range Planning Committee (Lane & Debish)
Nothing new to report.
5. Future property acquisitions and stations (O'Brien & Lane)
Nothing new to report.
6. Hays County Dispatch Center Oversight Committee. (Tahuahua)
Commissioner Tahuahua reported on the oversight board, hiring discussion for the new Director for the Communications Center, and details regarding the two evacuations caused by the winter storm.



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7. Public Information Officer (O'Brien)
Nothing new to report

F. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

1. Legal update. Input from and legal questions for John Carlton
DA Fowler provided a handout reviewing the issues presented to legal counsel.
2. Items of interest from the 87th Texas Legislature (Debish)
Commissioner Debish reviewed information received in the last SAFE-D legislative update.

G. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on the Designation of the Records Management Officer.
DA Fowler reviewed the Records Management Officer Designation criteria from Board Action taken in 2017. Under that action the Secretary is designated as the Records Management Officer. Commissioner Luddy was designated and completed the appropriate form for signature and forwarding to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.
2. Discussion and possible action on the Special Meeting Schedule for Long Range Planning, Budgeting, and tax rate.
The Board had no conflicts with the schedule, but wanted it reviewed and approved by legal counsel.
3. Discussion and possible action on the DA's credit card limit.
The Board reviewed recent purchases by the DA and took the following action:

Motion by Commissioner O'Brien to raise the credit card limit to \$5,000.00, stipulating that ordinary monthly expenditures are not to exceed \$2,500.00, but certain months, such as traveling to conferences, spending would not exceed \$5,000.00.. Second by Commissioner Lane.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea**

Motion passed unanimously

4. Discussion and possible action a new ambulance color scheme for the next ambulance purchased.
The Board requested checker boarding, such as what is on SMHC EMS units currently, be added in the burgundy and gold colors.
5. Discussion and possible action to purchase two portable radios and one portable suction unit in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 for the reserve ambulance (M-74).
DA Fowler Reported there were still two outstanding items needed for the ready reserve, tow portable radios and a portable suction unit. The Board took the following action:

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve the purchase of two portable radios and one portable suction unit, in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00. Second by Commissioner O'Brien.

**Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea**

Motion passed unanimously

6. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition of staff, businesses, and members of the community



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for their support and assistance during the February winter storm.

Certificates of appreciation, acrylic plaques, and challenge coins were displayed to the Board. The Board requested a sign-up sheet distributed when dates were made available to present the various forms of appreciation. No further action was necessary.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding a contract for professional real estate services.

This item was tabled.

Pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 - consultation with legal counsel; 551.072 - discussion of real estate acquisition, and 551.074 - discussion of personnel matters, the Board retired to executive session at 7:14 pm.

8. Discussion and possible action on the purchase of a 1.56 acre tract of land out of the Juana Rodriguez Survey No. 41, A-380, Hays County, Texas.
9. Discussion and possible action regarding the acquisition of property for an east EMS station.

The Board returned to the regular session at 7:41 pm.

Motion by Commissioner Debish to approve the purchase of property in the amount of \$200,000.00 in addition to settlement charges. President Tahuahua and DA Fowler are to represent the District in property acquisition. Second by Commissioner Luddy.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien - Yea
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Commissioner Lane to begin discussion and acquisition of property on east Hwy 290, to include obtaining a survey, verifying purchase price, and consultation with legal counsel to develop a contract for approval at the May District Board meeting. Second by Commissioner Luddy.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Tahuahua – Yea
Commissioner O'Brien – Not voting due to recusal from discussion.
Commissioner Luddy – Yea
Commissioner Lane – Yea
Commissioner Debish – Yea

Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT – 8:06 pm.