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## CALLED BOARD MEETING PALO PINTO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #1 MINUTES

A Called Session of the Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District # 1 Board met on the 2nd day of August 2017, at 3pm in the County Courtroom, Palo Pinto County Courthouse, Palo Pinto Texas.

The following subjects will be discussed, considered, passed, or adopted to-wit.

- Call to order and establish quorum. President Lynn Reasoner called the meeting to order at 3pm. A quorum was established with the following Commissioners present: Lynn Reasoner, Doug Jordan, Michael Henderson, Ricky D. Jones, and Carolyn Land.
- Public Comments and Announcements-No visitors attended.
- Discussion/Concern Bank loans VFD- Comanche National Bank CEO Jeff Stewart- Ricky explained that Jeff declined to attend. Ricky explained that Jeff Stewart felt any loans to VFD's should be written under ESD #1. ESD #1 is the taxing entity and distributes fund to the VFD.
- Minutes of previous meeting-Land -Ricky made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mike second. Motion passed 5-0.
- Treasures report – Mistie & Jones
  - Approval of checks written since last meeting-No checks were written since the last meeting.
  - Review/Consider Amendment 2018 Budget-No amendments were presented.
- Amend budget for 2017 as necessary-No amendments were presented.
- Consider/Approve/ Report 2017 Tax rate calculations of property taxes-Stacy Choate provided Commissioners with 2017 tax rate calculations. She went through the report taking into account increased new property values. She determined that the effective tax rate would be .029930 cents. A tax notice will be prepared by her office and run in the Mineral Wells Index. Carolyn made a motion to accept the 2017 effective tax rate at .029930 cents. Ricky second. Motion passed 5-0. Stacy was asked to provide tax number regarding what the average house hold pays in ESD #1 tax. She came up with \$39.75 per household.
- EMS Provider Proposals & efforts Updates- Mistie and Carolyn visited with Kelli Carlton in a phone conference on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Judge Nicklas reported that he wants to have a meeting with all parties as soon as it can be arranged. He also informed Commissioners that he wanted \$250,000 from each entity- County, Hospital, ESD #1 and ESD #2. Carlton Law Firm will be asked to write an RFP for paid ambulance services, provide the wording for sales tax election ballot. Mistie and Carolyn will begin writing a draft proposal for a paid EMS service that was discussed. This draft proposal will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Report/consider November sales tax election – Judith Evans- Judith was in Austin in training. She will be asked to provide an election calendar. Deadline will be important in having a sales tax election in November. Education will be key in passing a sales tax.
- Approve/Reject/Discussion distribution of tax monies to Volunteer Fire Departments. Table this agenda item
- Approve/Reject/Discussion distribution of tax monies to EMS Departments-Table consideration of this agenda item. Doug reported that Lake Palo Pinto is trying to finish first responder training. They were asking about equipment funding. Lynn informed the Board that grants are available. The Board suggested that they bring a list of equipment to the Board for consideration.

- Approve /Reject bids from Fire Departments for equipment purchased in excess of \$50,000.00 dollars. No bids were submitted.
- Consider/Report EMS Contract and Annual Report- Kelli Carlton has an EMS contract that she will hold until we decide what we are going to do with County EMS. Mike made a motion to ask Carlton Law to prepare a VFD contract. Doug second. Motion passed 5-0.
- Discuss/Consider/Report on Call sheets for VFD & EMS May & June 2017-Commissioner were provided call sheets. Mistie reported that the number of calls increased a lot from May to June. Many calls response time were unacceptable. Some calls took more than 50 minutes.
- Report from Palo Pinto Emergency Manager-Chad Jordan reported on several fires in the County this past month. Burn ban is on until Monday, August 14, 2017.
- Set date for next meeting. August 17, 2017
- Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 5pm.

Dated this the 6<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2017

By Carolyn Land

Carolyn Land, Secretary

The Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District #1 Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the item listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Section 551.073 [Consultation with Attorney], 551.072 [Deliberations about Real Property], 551.073 [Deliberations about gifts and donations], 551.074 [Personnel matters], 551.076 [Deliberations about security devices], and 551.086 Economic development]. Before any closed meeting is convened, the Presiding Officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions or decisions will be taken in open meeting.