

NOTICE

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

MINUTES

A Called Special Session of the Palo Pinto County Emergency Services District # 1 Board met by telephone conference on 21st day of May, 2020, at 5:00pm.

ESD #1 met on a phone conference in order to allow the public to participate. The call phone number is: Dial by your location

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The following subjects will be discussed and considered:

- Call to Order and establish a quorum. President Tye Jackson called the meeting to Order at 5:08pm. ESD Commissioners present on the call were Tye Jackson, Ken Backes, Russell Madden and Carolyn Land. Mistie Garland and Chief Gary Lee were on the call.
- Public Comments from anyone that calls into the meeting. No one wanted to address the board.
- Consider/Approve Final ESD Audit- Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming PC- Edgin provided copies of the Audit to ESD Commissioners. Mistie outlined items that were highlighted in the finding of the Audit. She added that the Audit has been presented to the County Auditor, County Commissioners, and the County Judge. Ken made a motion to approve the ESD Audit. Russell second. Motion passed 4-0. Tye advised that he would be in Commissioners Court for a presentation at the next Commissioners Court meeting May 26, 2020.
- Discuss/Approve/Consider Presentation Touchstone District Services-Education of the Public/ New Election Regulations/Consider Holding Election for additional Ad Valorem Tax-There was discussion about the presentation. Russell felt that going to the voters at this time was not a good idea. Ken discussed points of the presentation. Russell made a motion to table until we have more information. Mistie pointed out that we could also look at other companies. Carolyn second. Motion 4-0.
- Consider/Approve recommendation of the PK Building Committee on Construction Manager at Risk- Russell and Ken reviewed the information presented at the last meeting. Ken pointed out that whichever company we select the next step would be to negotiate for contractors. Tye ask who was second recommendation. Cornerstone would be next selection. MSB was the recommendation from the Building committee. Tye warned that we might have to put the contractor on hold. Russell felt

that we did not have to decide. Tim Hopkin joined the discussion. He advised that we would lose the benefit of hiring a Construction Manager if we did not continue to move forward. Tim added that all the drawing will be done in another two-week periods. Tim reminded Commissioners that the purpose of hiring a Construction Manager was to speed up the construction process.

- Discuss/Consider Report on financial information for PK Building-Tye wanted some kind of hard contract with the hospital district. Ken visited with the Hospital CEO Ross Korkas. Ken reported the conversation was very positive about building the PK Clinic. The Hospital Board is scheduled to meet on 26th of June. Commissioners continued to discuss the need for some sort of agreement between ESD and Hospital. Ken explained that banks that deal with loaning money to Government entities are trying to figure out how all this pandemic is going to hurt the banks. Russell wanted a little more financial information before moving forward. Discussion was about getting some hard numbers before moving forward. Mistie encouraged that we have a hard number because of budget workshops for both the ESD and the Hospital. Putting the project on hold, ESD would be out the pre-construction services expenses. There was speculation about the economy. Ken pointed out that the reason we did what we did was to move forward expeditiously. Ken believes the hospital has stated they are ready to move forward. Tye continued that we need more information to move forward. Russell did not want to sign a contract at this time to build the building until we have firm numbers. Ken ask what does moving forward mean? Tye ask for input. Ken stated he is comfortable with getting into negotiations and made a motion to continuing to move forward with negotiations. Russell second. Motion passed 3-1. (For: Jackson, Madden and Backes; Against: Land) Tye ask the Building committee to go back into negotiations. Russell pointed out that this does not mean to we will sign a contract with a company. Tim confirmed that building drawing are nearing completion and we will begin preconstruction services. Russell pointed out we would then have a number to give to the hospital. Tim stated preconstruction services expense are \$7,500.
- Discuss/ Consider adjustment of RFP's calendar schedule-Ken reviewed the RFP's calendar. Once you award and start negotiations, sign a contract, we will be ready to go to the next step on the list. No action was required.
- Adjourn- The meeting adjourned at 6:00pm. The next meeting is June 11, 2020 at the extension office at 5pm if the extension office is available.

Dated this the 25th Day of May 2020

By Carolyn Land

Carolyn Land, Secretary

Any member of the public who desires to address the Board regarding a specific item on the Agenda will have the opportunity to address the ESD Board when that Agenda item is discussed. Comments of the public are limited to 3 minutes unless the speaker requires the assistance of a translator, in which case the speaker is limited to 6 minutes. Individual Board members will also have the right to question the public on Agenda items.

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.