

Williamson County Emergency Services District #3

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Minutes for Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 28th, 2016 at 12:00pm

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Brown called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

Commissioners Present: Bill Brown, Garry Guthrie, Dan Hejl, Mike Cooper and Butch Miller arrived at 12:02pm

Hutto Fire Rescue Staff Present: Chief Kerwood, MaryAnn Buchanan, Tom Hines, Eric Woods, Louis Jahn, Mike Glanville, Roland Azua, Mike Parks, Garrett Wiruscheske, Drew Neal, Levi Chuey, Rob Bocanegra

II. PUBLIC COMMENT & PRESENTATIONS

1. Public Comment – None
2. Fire Chief Report – Written report – The new thermal imaging camera came in and is in service. The full-time new hires began January 4th, 2016. The staffing levels do not change, but we are now at five full-time and one part-time firefighter per shift. The budget brief and annual report are complete. There was a twenty-three percent increase in call volume.
3. HPFFA Report – Bocanegra reported that the association is now sixteen strong with the addition of our three new full-time firefighters. Continue to work on our golf tournament coming up on May 16th. The association supports this ESD, our board of commissioners and our Chief for everything they do in guiding this department to provide the best service that we can and to continue to provide that service.
4. HCV Report – Lieutenant Neal reported that there are now eight volunteers. Two members will complete the academy Saturday. Once they pass the final exam and skills test, they can challenge the state (TCFP) test and that will allow them to pursue a career in the fire service.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

1. None Scheduled

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The below Consent Agenda items are considered for approval by one vote unless a Commissioner request for a particular item to be pulled and given further consideration as a Regular Agenda item.

1. Discussion and possible approval of minutes from the regular meeting held December 17th, 2015.

2. Discussion and possible approval of accounts paid and accounts payable.
3. Discussion and possible approval of fourth quarter and first quarter investment reports.

Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Cooper that the consent agenda be approved as presented. Passed 5-0.

V. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS

1. Discussion and possible action on sales tax election. The City of Hutto offered to pay the ESD one hundred thousand dollars, paid monthly for twelve months, in exchange for the ESD to cancel the sales tax election. Commissioner Cooper made a motion with a second by Commissioner Brown to accept the City's proposal. There was some discussion. A vote was taken on the motion and the motion failed 3-2.
2. Discussion and possible action on ESD #/City Council committee. There have been some questions raised on what the scope of the committee is. The ESD's scope of this committee has always been to focus on how to improve emergency services, i.e. cut down response times, and bring back ideas and recommendations to the board and council. There was only discussion on this item, no action taken.
3. Discussion and possible action on weapons policy. The department has an internal policy in place. Commissioner Brown made a motion with a second by Commissioner Guthrie to post the Texas Penal Code Sec. 30.07 sign at the board meetings. Passed 5-0.
4. Discussion and possible action on fire safety inflatables. The department has had money earmarked for fire prevention sitting in our reserve account. These funds were from Liberty Mutual and Farmers Insurance. We have tried for several years to add to these funds by obtaining grants, but were turned down each time. These inflatables are now on sale where we can afford to purchase them with the current funds we have. Commissioner Miller made a motion with a second by Commissioner Cooper to move forward with the purchase. Passed 5-0.
5. Discussion and possible action on Fire Chief's evaluation. Commissioner Brown assigned Commissioner Guthrie and Commissioner Cooper to work on Chief Kerwood's evaluation and bring this back to the board.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 Board of Commissioners will adjourn from its regular session and convene in closed/executive sessions pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 551:

1. None Scheduled

VII. FINAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

The Williamson County Emergency Services District #3 Board of Commissioners will reconvene in open session to take any necessary action(s).

1. None Scheduled

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The public forum regarding the sales tax election will be held Wednesday February 3rd, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the HISD Admin building.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held Thursday, February 25th, 2016 at 12 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Meeting adjourned

Submitted: _____
Dan Hejl, Secretary _____ Date

Approved: _____
Bill Brown, President _____ Date