

**KAUFMAN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #3**  
**MINUTES FROM October 8, 2019**

**Present:** Commissioners: Harvey Chitty, Tricia Smith, David Wallace, Mark Smith and Chuck Carpenter  
Fire Departments: ASVFD, CMVFD, EVFD and TVFD

President Harvey Chitty declared a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

Mark Smith made the motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on September 10, 2019  
Tricia Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A financial report was given stating the tax account had a balance of \$186,129.05 and the operating account had a balance of \$2,073.98. The current total for both accounts is \$188,203.03. The commissioners were provided with a copies of the bank statements. Kristie provided a breakdown of the current budget and the amounts paid year to date for each item. The Pledge Security Listing from American National Bank for September was provided to the commissioners.

#### **Tax Exemption for 65 and over**

If a tax exemption is given, it would come off the taxable value. The commissioners asked Kristie to contact the county and ask how many citizens in ESD 3 have a homestead exemption and the total value of the homestead properties and the average value for these properties.

This item will remain on the agenda to be discussed next month. A decision will need to be made by January 2020.

#### **City of Terrell Annexation**

The court upheld the injunction to annex properties into the city of Terrell. Therefore, going forward will require a vote by citizens to annex property.

This item will stay on the agenda for November.

#### **Fire Department Proposals for Paid Contractors**

The Volunteer Fire Departments are still working on this. They have talked to a CPA and are consulting a labor expert to figure out exactly how to proceed.

This item will remain on the agenda for November.

#### **Shared Video Library**

To purchase the entire Firefighter I and II series will cost \$6,570.00. The DVD's can be used on any computer and if someone goes through all the discs they will be certified to be a volunteer firefighter.

Mark Smith asked about updates to keep them current and how the DVD's would be stored.

Brandon Porter said he wasn't sure about the update but thinks there will be one every three years. Elmo VFD plans to keep the DVD's in a safe with a sign-out sheet so they can keep track of the discs.

David Wallace made the motion to purchase the library as long as it is available for all 4 departments to use or borrow. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elmo VFD will order the library.

### **New State Requirements**

We are required to have an ESD Website by January 1, 2020. There are other new laws about public hearings and notices for those hearings. The board asked Kristie to contact John Carlton and find out if he can answer our questions about these new laws.

### **Engagement Letter from John Carlton**

Harvey Chitty signed the engagement letter for John Carlton to answer questions about VFD Contract labor.

### **2019-2020 ESD Budget**

There were no new amendments to the budget that was passed at the September meeting.

### **VFD Updates**

**Ables Springs** – They reported 25 calls for the month of September. The calls consisted of 1 Building Fire, 15 Medical Assists, 1 Motor Vehicle Accident, 4 Unauthorized Burnings, 1 Dispatched and Canceled, 1 Special Type Incident, and 2 Citizen Complaints.

Average response time to each call was 14.13 minutes.

**College Mound** – Terry Van Sickle reported 34 calls. The calls included 2 Building Fires, 3 Grass Fires, 1 Outside Equipment Fire, 12 EMS, 7 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 1 Lock-in, 1 Water Leak, 4 Unauthorized Burnings, and 3 No Incident Found.

Average response time to each call was 17 minutes.

**Elmo** – Their report stated that they responded to 41 calls during September. The calls consisted of 1 Building Fire, 19 EMS, 9 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 6 Unauthorized Burnings, 4 Dispatched and Canceled, and 2 No Incident Found,

Average response time to each call was 9.16 minutes.

**Terrell** – They responded to 40 calls during September. The calls included 1 Building Fire, 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Natural Vegetation Fire, 1 Brush Fire, 1 Grass Fire, 2 EMS, 13 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 4 Public Service, 4 Unauthorized Burnings, 8 Dispatched and Canceled, 3 No Incident Found, and 1 Alarm Malfunction.

Their average response time to each call was 11 minutes.

Terrell turned in a list of their calls from October 2018 through September 2019. They also submitted a list of their volunteers and training completed.

### **Payments**

David Wallace made a motion to pay the reimbursements and invoices. Tricia Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Checks for the following amount were issued:

The Carlton Law Firm - \$490.00 (Questions about Tax Exemptions for over 65)

Kristie Jones - \$500.00 (October Clerical Duties)

Texas Emergency Services Retirement System - \$6,516.00 (Terrell Pension)

### **Public Comments**

Mark Smith reported he had been contacted by a citizen about a black truck driving erratically on Hwy 34. Terry Van Sickle spoke up and said it sounded like either his or his mother's truck. He apologized if it was him. Mark Smith said he was only sharing because the citizen contacted him.

Agenda items for November – Tax Exemptions for 65 and over, City of Terrell annexation, Fire Department Proposals on contract labor, additional payments, and new ESD laws.

Harvey Chitty also wants Kristie to provide an estimate of how much money will be in the account as of December 31, 2019.

Tricia Smith made the motion to adjourn. Chuck Carpenter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

By: Kristie Jones

**Kristie Jones**, Clerk  
Kaufman County Emergency Service Dist. #3