

HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on August 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. The Notice and Agenda was posted according the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. **The meeting was conducted via video conference or telephone call as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to Governor Abbott's suspension order of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act.**

Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Luis Flores, President at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Luis Flores, President; Aaron Vela, Vice-President; Travis Richards, Secretary-Treasurer; Patrick Eronini, Member; and Gail Cappadona, Member. Also present was Frank Prado, Jr., Attorney; and Velinda Reyes from Hidalgo County Precinct 4 Commissioner's Office

Public Comment on Agenda Items

No member of the public asked to comment on any agenda item.

1. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 Board Meeting.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the July 16, 2020 Board Meeting. The Commissioners reviewed the minutes. There being no questions or discussion regarding the minutes as presented, Aaron Vela made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gail Cappadona seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to ratify and approve the District's bills for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the bills due to be paid. The Commissioners reviewed the bills presented for \$\$2,485.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for attorney fees for July 2020. There being no discussion or questions concerning the District's bills, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve payment of the bills presented. Aaron Vela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider and take appropriate action to approve the District's financial report for the preceding month.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the financial report for the month of July 2020. The Commissioners reviewed the bank reconciliation for July 2020. Frank Prado, Jr. informed the Commissioners regarding the register ending balance as of the end of July 2020 and the payment made by Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department as agreed in connection with the District's pumper truck purchase. Frank Prado, Jr. also advised the Commissioners that an electronic debit had been made to the District's account that was not anything authorized by the District and that steps would be taken to dispute the debit with the bank. There being no further questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Gail Cappadona seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Consider and take appropriate action on the request to approve a contract between Hidalgo County Emergency Service District and Hidalgo County EMS for RFP# 2020-01, Emergency Medical Service with Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance Service.

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with a draft of the proposed contract with Hidalgo County EMS. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that Hidalgo County EMS has reviewed the draft of the contract and had informed the District that it was in agreement with the terms

subject to the Commissioner's approval. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners that the company understood that the subsidy amount the company was requesting was subject to negotiation by the District. The Commissioners discussed the provisions of the contract to ensure performance by the company. After review of the contract and discussion regarding the subsidy, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the contract as proposed with the subsidy amount requested by Hidalgo County EMS of \$8,000 per month, commencing September 1, 2020. Travis Richards seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Board Member Reports

- a. **County Commissioner's Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
- b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** -- Tax collection report for July 2020 reviewed.
- c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** -- Frank Prado, Jr. reported on behalf of Chief Guzman that the pumper truck build was progressing according to schedule
- d. **Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department** – Frank Prado, Jr. reported that Chief Snider from Edinburg Fire Department had advised that the building should be complete by early September.
- e. **Hidalgo County EMS** – No report.

6. Executive: Under the authority of Chapter 551, Subchapter D §551.071-551-084 Government Code, the Board during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, may enter into closed or executive session to discuss any listed item.

None.

7. Open: Should any final action, decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in closed or executive meeting or session, then the final action, or final vote shall be either: (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting; or (b) at a subsequent public meeting.

N/A

8. Adjournment.

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Aaron Vela. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Approved on the 17th day of September, 2020.

LUIS FLORES,
PRESIDENT
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

TRAVIS RICHARDS,
SECRETARY-TREASURER
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3