

**HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3**  
**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**  
**September 17, 2020**

The Board of Commissioners of the Hidalgo County Emergency Services District No. 3 met for a Board Meeting on September 17, 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 6:05 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; and Pilar Rodriguez and Chief Guzman from the LSMVFD.

**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 August 20, 2020 Board Meeting and September 3, 2020 Special Board Meeting.**

Frank Prado, Jr. presented the Commissioners with the minutes of the meeting for the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting and September 3, 2020 Special 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 \$1,925.86 to Linebarger Attorneys for delinquent tax collection July and August 2020; for \$2,736.00 to Texas Emergency Services Retirement System for the 6 months ending August 31, 2020; for \$583.32 to AIM Media for legal advertisement for ambulance RFP notice; for \$5,000 to Linn San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department for first responder services 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2020; and \$1,890.00 to Francisco J. Prado, Jr. for attorney fees for August 2020. There being no discussion or questions concerning the District's bills, a motion was made by Travis Richards to approve payment of the bills presented. Gail Cappadona 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 August 2020. The Commissioners reviewed the bank statement and reconciliation for August 2020. Frank Prado, Jr. advised the Commissioners of the District's checking account register ending balance as of August 31, 2020. There being no questions or discussion, Patrick Eronini made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Aaron Vela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Public Hearing on the budget and proposed tax rate.**

The Board President opened the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. No member of the public requested to

comment on the budget and proposed tax rate. There being no questions or comment from the public, the Board President closed the public hearing at 6:15 p.m.

**5. Consider and take appropriate action to approve and adopt a resolution of the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 adopting the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3's 2021 budget.**

Frank Prado, Jr. discussed and reviewed the current 2020 budget and expenditures with the Commissioners. Frank Prado, Jr. discussed projected remaining expenditures for 2020 such as the pending pumper truck payment and the final payment to the City of Edinburg for the District's contribution to the construction of Edinburg Fire Station No. 5 as well as projected regular expenditures remaining for 2020. Frank Prado, Jr. advised that the budget amounts which were adopted for 2020 with the addition of an amount for ambulance service should be sufficient for the 2021 budget as proposed and discussed at the September 5, 2020 Special Board Meeting. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2020-01 of the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 Adopting the 2021 budget as recommended in the amounts as set out below. Aaron Vela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HIDALGO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 3  
2021 BUDGET**

**REVENUES**

Tax Revenue	\$498,000.00
Interest Revenue	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$503,000.00</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Ambulance Service	\$ 96,000.00
First Responder Service	\$ 20,000.00
Emergency Services Retirement System	\$ 4,500.00
Appraisal District	\$ 5,100.00
Auditing	\$ 4,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,200.00
Legal Advertisements	\$ 500.00
Legal Fees	\$ 30,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$ --0--
Equipment	\$ 50,000.00
Training	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$213,800.00

**Excess of Revenue Over Expenses: \$289,200.00**

**6. Consider and take appropriate action on the District's proposed tax rate and to approve and adopt an Ordinance Levying a Tax Rate for the Hidalgo County ESD No. 3 for tax year 2020 of \$0.0227 per \$100 of property valuation.**

The Commissioners reviewed the proposed tax rate for tax year 2020 and projected revenue from the proposed tax rate. There being no questions or discussions, a motion was made by Patrick Eronini to approve and Ordinance Levying a Tax Rate for Hidalgo County Emergency Services

District No. 3 of \$0.0227/\$100 of assessed value of all taxable property for the District for tax year 2020 of which \$0.0227 is for the purpose of maintenance and operations and \$0 is for the payment of principal and interest on debt of the District for a total tax rate of \$0.0227 per \$100 of property valuation. Aaron Vela seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Board Member Reports**

- a. **County Commissioner’s Precinct 4 Office** – No report.
- b. **Monthly Tax Collection report** -- August 2020 tax collection report was presented.
- c. **Linn-San Manuel Volunteer Fire Department** -- Pilar Rodriguez and Chief Guzman presented information to the Commissioners regarding a request from LSMVFD for the District to possibly purchase a number of 3M Scott Air-Paks.
- d. **Edinburg Volunteer Fire Department** – No report.
- e. **Hidalgo County EMS** – No report.

**8. Adjournment.**

There being no further business before the Board of Commissioners, a motion was made by Aarong Velato adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Patrick Eronini. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Approved on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2020.

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LUIS FLORES,  
PRESIDENT  
HIDALGO COUNTY ESD NO.3

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