

HAYS COUNTY ESD #4-WIMBERLEY FIRE RESCUE
For the Board of Commissioners Meeting Held on September 3, 2019

MINUTES

1. Call meeting to order; President Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.
2. Roll call and verify quorum; Commissioners present were Ron Spangenberg, Chuck Ware, Joe Pendleton and Ken Downing. Eddie Gumbert arrived at 8:36am. A quorum was present. Also, present, Chief Czichos, Asst. Chief Van Ostrand, District employees Angel Robinson, Autumn Smith, Christopher Robbins and Chas Humphrey and volunteer firefighter Chris Dibrell.
3. Public Comment; Secretary Downing reviewed the public sign in sheet, there were no public comments.
4. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2020; President Spangenberg stated the proposed budget is \$1,542,242.00 which is the anticipated revenue for HCESD#4. HCESD#4 budget is based on 98% collection of Ad Valorem Tax, Sales Tax collection and miscellaneous other types of collection. President Spangenberg reviewed the proposed budget for FY 2020 and the rationale for the adjustments that have been made to the budget from the prior year. He also stated a recommendation from the ISO inspection; an additional electric Jaw of Life tool is needed on another apparatus; this has been included in the budget proposal. Finally, President Spangenberg and the Board discussed using \$100,000 of Fund Balance Carryover (FBC) to increase line item 60060 Salaries and Wages. Increased staffing, line item 60060 Salaries and Wages specifically, is the major budgetary focus for fiscal year 2020; HCESD#4 must be competitive in pay and benefit structure to attract and retain qualified personnel. President Spangenberg made this recommendation to ensure that the employee benefits and pay packages are properly funded. Treasurer Ware stated that HCESD#4 may be better served by not assigning the FBC until such a time as it is necessary. President Spangenberg stated the funds would then need to be moved from the land and building line item 80800 and apparatus line item 90900. The board came to agreement that any deficit adjustment would be made only if necessary. Budget discussion for fiscal year 2020 tabled.
5. Conduct a Public Hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes; President Spangenberg announced the proposed tax rate of \$0.0500 for each \$100 of taxable value. Discussed tax rate; including review of Power Point presentation regarding necessity of tax rate increase. No visitors were present.
6. Set and announce the date, time and place of the meeting to vote on the tax rate; President Spangenberg announced the vote on the tax rate would take place on September 24, 2019 at 8:30 a.m. at the Central Fire Station, 111 Green Acres Drive, Wimberley Texas 78676.

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7. Authorize publication of the "Notice of Vote on Tax Rate" in the *Wimberley View*; A motion was made by Treasurer Ware to publish the Notice and the motion was seconded by Asst. Treasurer Pendleton; motion passed unanimously.
8. Announce the date, time and place of the next Public Tax Hearing; President Spangenberg announced the next Public Tax Hearing is to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 111 Green Acres Drive, Wimberley Texas 78676.
9. President Spangenberg adjourned the meeting at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted,


Ken Downing, Secretary

