

MEETING OF THE WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200

Board of Commissioners of **The WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO 200**. Was held on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **District office located at 40644 US Business Highway 290, Waller, TX 77484.**

In attendance were: Commissioners: Tommy Davis, Darwin Hargrave, Hollis Ulbricht, Gary Ferguson and Tommy Albert; Providers: Pattison Area VFD, Rolling Hills VFD, Tri-County VFD, and Waller VFD; and Gundersons Bookkeeping, the District Bookkeeper.

- 1. Call Meeting to order, pledge of allegiance, and invocation.** The Meeting was called to order at: 7:00 p.m. by *Mr. Tommy Davis*.
- 2. To receive public comment, including vendors and service providers.** Chief Orsak stated that the Rolling Hills Board of Directors would like approval to name the new building Ronald Pop Stanley Training Facility. *Mr. Ferguson* stated he didn't have a problem with it being dedicated to Mr. Stanley, but he didn't agree with the Board naming it after Mr. Stanley. *Mr. Ulbricht* made a motion to approve the name of the building to be the Ronald Pop Stanley Training Facility. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0. *Mr. Ferguson* opposed the motion.
- 3. To review and take action on approval of minutes of prior meetings.** No Action.
- 4. To receive a report from the Waller County Fire Chief's Association.** No Action.
- 5. To review and take action regarding applying for Texas Commission for Fire Protection certification for a District fire department.** No Action.
- 6. To address financial matters including report from the District Treasurer and bookkeeper, pay bills, investment policy and depository pledge agreements.** No Action.
- 7. To review and take action to pay operations funding pursuant to budgets and service agreements with the District contracted emergency service providers (Departments).** No Action.
- 8. To review and take action on revisions to District and/or Department budgets.** No Action.
- 9. To receive a report from the District Emergency Services Director.** Mr. Weinman stated that the Safe-D Conference is next week March 9 thru March 11.

Mr. Weinman stated the new ambulance will be ready to be picked up on March 7th.

Mr. Weinman asked what the board wants to do with the replaced compressors. Allied Breathing Air would like to exchange the old compressors for a 1 year service agreement. *Mr. Ferguson* asked if it were to be put on auction would they get a better return for it. Mr. Weinman stated that Tri-County has had many issues with the compressor so it would be worth the \$1,200.00, which is a 1 year service agreement. *Mr. Ferguson* made a motion to exchange the old

compressors for a 1 year service agreement with Allied Breathing Air. *Mr. Albert* seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0.

- 10. To review and take any action on services provider agreements, including interlocal agreements with municipalities.** No Action.
- 11. To review and take action regarding boundaries of service areas for contracted emergency services providers.** No Action.
- 12. To review and take action necessary on real estate, including but not limited to purchase, sale, encumbrances, platting and acquisition financing.** *Mr. Ulbricht* stated he located a property not too far from the original property in Katy. The cost of the property is \$950,000.00 and there are only a few items that would need to be done/changed. The property is on two and a half acres of land and there is a nine year old building and a four bedroom trailer located on the property. The trailer has all new flooring – new carpet and laminate floors. The well located on the property has one and a half inch pipe and is about 12 years old at least. Chief Gene Schmidt questioned that with all the new homes going up could we not pipe water in from the Municipal Utility District. *Mr. Davis* stated that there is room to build if needed in the future. *Mr. Ferguson* questioned if there was an easement or right of way on the property. *Mr. Ulbricht* stated there is not an easement or right of way on this property. *Mr. Weinman* stated the items that need to be done/changed are a couple of doors and a water tank, but we can have this station up and running in 60 days.
- 13. To review and take action on district facilities including administration building and fire stations, including but not limited to construction, payments, selection of architects or engineers and selection of contractors.** The City of Katy has 10 more months on their contract but there is a lot of grumbling already. *Mr. Davis* stated that at this time we are at the mercy of the district. He also questioned why the income has not increased if there are plenty of homes coming up. *Mr. Davis* stated that he didn't think we were getting all we should on the property taxes. He also asked *Mr. John Peeler* to check and see if *Dr. Ron Welch* of Municipal Information Services has found any property tax errors for Harris County.
- 14. To review and take action to approve capital acquisitions and appropriate funding thereof, including action on acquisition financing.** *Mr. Davis* asked *Mr. Ferguson* if they had received any bids from local banks when purchasing the property for Tri-County Fire Department before going with the current lender. *Mr. Davis* questioned *Mr. Weinman* if Government Capital was the financing company for all the trucks purchased. *Mr. Weinman* stated yes he and *Mrs. Gunderson* worked with Government Capital to get the financing done. *Mr. Albert* questioned if they were going to borrow to purchase the property in Katy. He also stated that he suggests they do a 10 year note. *Mr. Peeler* stated that *Richard with Hodde & Hodde* would need a Phase 1 done if the board is going to seek financing for the purchase of the property. The board will get with *Mr. Peeler* to draw up an Earnest Money Contract for the property. *Mr. Weinman* stated that *Hodde & Hodde* could do a minimum survey – boundary & improvements survey. If it is decided to build new the property would have to be replatted. *Mr. Albert* questioned if there were

any volunteer fire fighters for the station if not we would need 4 – 5 paid Fire Fighters which can cost \$500,000.00.

15. To review and take action on any and all matters related to paid fire suppression personnel, including Texas Emergency Services Retirement System participation. No Action.

16. To meet in Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072, 551.074 and 551.071 to discuss District real estate, personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel. No Action.

17. Adjournment. *Mr. Ferguson* made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM. *Mr. Albert* seconded the motion, which passed 5 to 0.

Tommy Albert, Secretary/Treasurer