

## 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, September 19, 2017** at **11:15 A. M.** at the **District office located at 40644 US Business Highway 290, Waller, TX 77484.**

- 1. Call Meeting to order, pledge of allegiance, and invocation.** The Meeting was called to order at: 11:04 a.m. by *Mr. Tommy Davis*.
- 2. To receive public comment.** No Comments.
- 3. To review and discuss territorial issues including provision of emergency services in the District territory near the City of Katy, including presentation by representatives of the City of Katy.** Mr. Hebert stated the City of Katy cannot handle the growth, and stated they have always been there to serve us and never cut a corner.

Mr. Hebert would like the map he sent Barry Weinman to be considered.

*Mr. Tommy Davis* stated there is no argument with Mr. Hebert's comment that they are here to serve. *Mr. Tommy Davis* stated the contract that was sent a year ago has not been signed. A \$10,000 check is still being sent every month and what the City of Katy Fire Dept. has done is appreciated.

*Mr. Davis* stated he recalls a meeting with the former mayor and Mr. Hebert who said come the end of 2017 Katy Fire Dept. is not leaving the city limits.

*Mr. Davis* stated that Mr. Weinman and one of the Captains from Station 6 attended the last City of Katy meeting and the mayor did not have a very good attitude with them. Another issue is there have been some Social Media statements made by the City of Katy that were not true in the Remington Trails Facebook page. Mr. Weinman stayed up till late answering any and all questions and issues about Station 6.

*Mr. Ulbricht* stated that one issue he has is don't wait till you arrive and realize you can't handle a situation to call for assistance. *Mr. Ulbricht* stated he would rather get a call on his way to the scene canceling the assistance, than to get called time after and it be too late. *Mr. Ulbricht* stated that we are here to service the public it's not a race as to who responds first.

Justin with Waller County Commissioner's Office for Pct. 4 stated that the purpose for the Emergency Services District is to help people in their time of need. City of Katy now has a full time staff, not like 10 – 15 years ago that they were only a volunteer station. The issues need to be worked out because Katy needs to provide for the citizens. Minutes count so time travel to a call makes a difference. Is this a done deal or is there still time to talk and come to an agreement on the issues?

*Mr. Davis* stated that ESD will have not only a full time crew but there will also be an EMS crew on board at Station 6. *Mr. Davis* stated that the two reasons this is all happening is 1) The City of Katy sated that after 2017 they would not be going outside the city limits and 2) There is not a signed contract.

*Mr. Ferguson* questioned as to why now does the City of Katy want to come outside of the city limits? After the Board has spent two to three million getting a new station and now the City of Katy wants to keep certain areas that are outside the city limits.

Russell Wilson Fire Chief for the City of Katy since May 2016 stated that he is fully aware that Pattison Area VFD is the place to call when in need for a tender. Chief Wilson also stated that the reason for The City of Katy wanting to keep certain areas outside the city limits is the Airport. We have trained staff in those areas and are training more people in those areas.

Mr. Weinman stated that calls for outside Harris County limits were moved to Tri-County dispatch, so Station 6 is ready to run without the 911 system.

Mr. Andy Parott Director of the Airport questioned how will changing 911 affect who responds to a call? Chief Hollis Ulbricht stated that the airport is half way between City of Katy and Pattison Area VFD. Mr. Weinman stated that all departments don't respond without a tender. Also this is a joint effort and it has always been that way.

Mr. Hebert questions What's on the table? What is the best way to serve the community?

*Mr. Ulbricht* stated in areas known as "no man's land" We need to communicate amongst the Fire Chiefs to work the problems out.

Mr. Weinman stated that the CAD is not yet built up for ESD. Captain Orsak has a meeting with them tomorrow.

Mr. Bill Hasting with the Sheriff's Department stated that if possible to wait till October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 to switch the 911 system.

Mr. Weinman stated that he has no problem waiting till October 2, 2017, but he would like for all calls outside the city limits be kicked over to Station 6.

Mr. Weinman stated that the dispatch compromise sounds good. As for the territory issues the ESD Commissioners can look over the mapping and come to an agreement.

- 4. To meet in closed session under Government Code Section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or contemplated litigation or matters requiring confidentiality under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas, which may include use of a telephone conference call with attorney(s) under section 551.129.**
- 5. Adjournment.** *Mr. Davis* made a motion to adjourn at 12:15 PM.

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Tommy Davis, President