## ELLIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING TO VOTE ON A PROPOSED TAX RATE

DATE & PLACE: August 5, 2024, Monday, 6:30 PM

Ellis County ESD#6 Fire Station No. 1

1816 FM 66

Waxahachie Texas 75167

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chuck McCormack, President

Rick Beer, Secretary Dale Walling, Treasurer

CHIEFS PRESENT: Chief Jake Escamilla, ESD 6

Chief Wes Curry, FVFD

No guests were present.

The following agenda items will be discussed, considered, and action taken as appropriate:

### I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Certification of a Quorum, and Invocation:

#### **II.** Public Comments:

Any individual may address the Emergency Services District Board of Commissioners on relevant issues affecting the District that are either on the current agenda and/or are not a current agenda item, after completing the proper form, for not more than 3 minutes per agenda item or 3 minutes total on any items not on the current agenda. Any comment from a member of the public requiring deliberation or decision on an issue not on the current agenda will be addressed by; the District's Board only as authorized by Section 551.042 of the Government Code. **The** Secretary must receive the completed request 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the **Regularly Scheduled Meeting.** 

III. Consider taking action regarding the fiscal year 2024-25 budget: Commissioner McCormack moved to propose the District's FY 2024-25 budget in the amount of \$1,869,118. Commissioner Rick Beer seconded, motion carried unanimously.

### IV. Discuss and consider taking action regarding the 2024 tax rate, including:

A. Establish a proposed tax rate; Commissioner Dale Walling moved to establish the proposed tax rate of \$0.0755/\$100 valuation. B. Taking record vote and scheduling a public hearing;

Commissioner Beer: Yea
Commissioner Walling Yea
Commissioner McCormack Yea

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner McCormack set the date of the public hearing to adopt a final budget and tax rate for Monday AUG 19, 2024, 6:30 PM at Ellis County ESD#6 VFD Station 1 located at 1816 FM 66 Waxahachie, TX.

- C. Authorize expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the newspaper:
  - Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize the publishing of the notice, Commissioner Beer seconded, motion carried unanimously.
- D. Acknowledge and approve posting of "Notice About 2024 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of the District's website:

Commissioner McCormack moved to authorize the postings, Commissioner Walling seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- V. Receive Chief Wes Curry's Forreston VFD monthly report regarding operations and brush truck order status: Chief Curry reported that Siddons Martin was drafting the bid for the brush truck.
- VI. Receive Chief Escamilla's report regarding operations, management activities and ISO review status: Chief Escamilla reported that the information requested by ISO is almost complete and the review is well underway.
- VII. Receive Commissioner Dale Walling's report on potential financing sources for the approved brush truck purchase and prospective Station 2 renovations: Commissioner Walling reported that he and Commissioner McCormack met with Mr. Aday of Citizens National Bank of Texas about their interest in financing a brush truck and / or ESD6 VFD Station 2 expansion and renovation should the Board approve such capital expenditures. The answer was affirmative.
- VIII. Comments from commissioners on future District related administrative or operational issues (No action may be taken)

There were no comments from Commissioners

IX. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Chuck McCormack, President ECESD #6 Board of Commissioners August 16, 2024