



BLANCO COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT #2
P.O. BOX 972, BLANCO, TX 78606

**Minutes Special Session
Board of Commissioners
August 11, 2020**

1. **Call to Order / Announcements:** Establish a quorum. **Meeting called to order at 12:02 PM. Ann Hall (AH), Mike Rieken (MR), Carl Struck(CS), Lynne McKirdy(LM), Steve Scheffe(SS) present. Meeting held by audio conferencing. See below for other persons in attendance.**
2. **Public Comment:** No action may be taken on any item unless on agenda. Please limit comments to 2 minutes per person. **No public comment.**
3. **Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2020-2021:** Discuss and consider approval of a tax rate of \$0.10/\$100 valuation and 3.5% vs 8% Voter approval rate. **Discussion regarding implications of setting the rate above the voter approval rate and below the de minimis rate. Discussion regarding the potential for a petition to call for an election. Motion by MR to set the proposed tax rate for 2020/2021 for BCESD2 at \$0.10/\$100 valuation. Second by CS. Roll call vote. All commissioners vote yes.**
4. **Set Public Hearing for Tax Rate:** Notice of public hearing on setting the proposed tax rate will run in the Blanco County News Wednesday, August 12, 2020 (at least 7 days prior to public hearing). Public hearing and regular meeting will be August 18th at 3:00 PM. **Notice of public hearing and proposed tax rate will also be posted to website today. . Public hearing will be held first, followed by regular meeting.**
5. **Refinance of Station:** Consider and approve A RESOLUTION REGARDING A PROMISSORY NOTE AND SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFINANCING A FIRE STATION, and other related matters. **LM presented details of proposed Promissory Note for refinancing the station loan with Government Capital Corp. Rate is 2.749%, 211 payments, start payments Oct. 1. Amount financed includes fees to Gov. Cap. Lone Star Bank ultimately proposed a refinance rate of 3.5%. Refinancing with the GC loan saves over \$400,000 over the term of the loan. Discussion regarding whether the security provision in promissory note would impact our ability to borrow funds in future for other purposes. Lynne will get clarification from GC before next meeting. Proposed closing date is Aug 28, 2020. Motion by MR to approve resolution. Second by CS. Motion approved. Two months deferred payments will create balance over \$250,000 in operating account. Ben will transfer surplus to Texas Regional per standing authorization from board.**
6. **Vehicle Insurance:** Review quotes from Insurance Carrier and take action as needed. **Discussed comparative quotes from VFIS using cost to replace and current actual value scenarios for agreed value. No motion. Authorized chiefs to negotiate with VFIS using hybrid, individual vehicle valuation approach to agreed value.**
7. **Workers Compensation:** Review Workers Compensation Renewal Quote and take action as needed. **Ben presented Texas Mutual proposed rate increase of 58% due to combining FFs and EMS into one classification. We budgeted for some increase but this would be approximately 28% over 20/21 budget. Difference may be partially offset by dividend. Motion by MR to renew with Texas Mutual. Second by CS. Motion approved.**
8. **Satellite Station:** Consider offer by Matt Herden to begin exploring possible sites in south Blanco County. **MR will meet with Ben and Matt and put together a framing document to describe site parameters. Discuss again at September meeting.**

9. **Adjourn:** Next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 3:00 PM.** (Zoom meeting online). **Meeting adjourned at 1:32 pm.**

Others in attendance:

Ben Oakley

Matt McMain

David Hall

Ken Welch

Matt Herden

Caroline Richardson

Theresa Turner

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Scheffe,

Secretary