

FORT BEND COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7

Minutes for the special Meeting of March 5, 2024

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYER.** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Commissioner Freddy Lopez, Sr. at the District Fire Station, 1834 W. Sycamore, Fresno, TX. The Commissioners in attendance were **Freddy Lopez, Sr., Barbara Hamilton, Janet McClain, and Ruston Hughes.** Commissioner **Gregory Linkous** was not in attendance. Additional persons present were: Assistant Chief Tom Henderson; District Legal Counsel John Peeler of Coveler & Peeler, P.C.; District bookkeeper Carol Morrison of Municipal Accounts and Consulting (attending via telephone); Justin Waggoner of Touchstone District Services; and Maryann Guirguis of Martinez Architects.
2. **TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS.** The Board opened the floor for public comment though none was offered.
3. **TO REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION ON SELECTING A LENDER TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR NEW FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES, APPARATUS AND EQUIPMENT, AND TO AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS FOR SAME.** Mr. Peeler provided the proposals received from several vendors. The Board discussed the advantages of 7-year versus 10-year payoffs. After review, motion made by Commissioner Hughes to select the proposal from Home Bank with designated "option 1" with a 7-year payoff term. Motion was approved 4 to 0. Motion by Commissioner Hughes and second by Commissioner Hamilton to approve execution of documents by Board officers. Motion was approved 4 to 0.
4. **TO MEET IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO GOVT. CODE §551.071 TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL ON LITIGATION, SETTLEMENTS OR CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS UNDER TEXAS BAR RULES.** No closed session was held under Section 551.071.
5. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

Janet McClain, Secretary