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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Time: 6:00 PM
Place: El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 – Board Room
16001 Socorro Road
Fabens, Texas 79838

DUE TO THE STATE OF EMERGENCY AND/OR LOCAL DISASTER CAUSED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GUIDANCES, ORDERS AND DECLARATIONS OF DISASTER RELATED THERETO, THE DISTRICT MAY EXERCISE ITS AUTHORITY TO HOLD THE MEETING VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE AND/OR TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL OR OTHER REMOTE PROCEDURES BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY AND RISKS OF CONVENING A QUORUM IN ONE LOCATION. THE MEETING MAY BE ACCESSED BY THE PUBLIC VIA WEB:

<https://hype.onescreensolutions.com/epcountyesd2>

Posted: Friday, October 15, 2021

All matters listed on this agenda may be discussed in executive session at the option of the El Paso County Emergency Services District #2 Commissioners following verbal announcement if an appropriate exception to the open meeting requirement of the Texas Open Meetings Act is applicable.

1. Call meeting to order
Meeting was called to order by **Chief Esparza at 6:00 P.M**
Pledge of Allegiance
&
Prayer
2. Establishment of Quorum
Present: President Adrian Santana, Treasurer Rick Avalos, and Commissioner Mike Barnes
Absent: Vice President Diaz, Secretary Jaquelin Butler
3. Public comments: must notify the board to speak on certain agenda items.
(5 minutes) Public can comment by calling: **(915) 213-3008**
Pin Code: 983 798 283#
No public comments.



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Consent Agenda

4. Discuss and approve the minutes of the special meeting held on September 27, 2021.

5. Discussion and action on the financial report.
 - a. Report on the bank balances.
Money market, operation account, inspection account
 - Bank reconciliations
 - Check registers attached
 - Department profit & loss budget vs. actual

Motion: Approved.
Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

Regular Agenda

6. Discussion on Communications Report by Elva Ramos.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
Informational purposes only.

7. Discussion on personnel matters report by Tommy Cano.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
Informational purposes only.

8. Discussion on monthly report by Chief Esparza.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza
Informational purposes only.

9. Discuss and take action on auditors' contract from SBNG.
Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.
Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes
Members Voting Nay: None
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10. Discuss and take action on amending the FY 20-21 Budget.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

11. Discuss and take action on allowing 8 members of the Fabens Fire Department to attend an EMS Academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico in November: expenses are for travel, per-diems, hotel stay and training registration fees.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

12. Discussion and action on the repair of the San Elizario Fire Department's digital sign.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Item postpone, to get three quotes.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

13. Discussion and action on hiring a realtor to find property for the new fire station in Socorro.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved.

Motioned by: Treasurer Avalos **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

14. Discussion and action on not paying the Fire Departments when there is a duplication of expenses paid by Department's Discretionary Account and District's account.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Item was postponed, after executive session.

7:02PM

Motion: Item postpone, board will be having a Special Meeting with all Department Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs and legal, on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 6:00 PM.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler



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Executive Session

*The El Paso County ESD #2 is now entering into a closed meeting, pursuant to the Texas Government code section 551-071: to consult with the District Attorney concerning all matters identified in the agenda. Where board members seek the advice of their attorney as privileged communications. The date is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, and the time is **6:28 PM**.*

15. Discussion on legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

*The El Paso County ESD #2 has completed its closed meeting. The date is Tuesday, October 19, 2021, and the time is **7:02 PM**.*

Regular Session

16. Take action on legal matters.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

No action taken.

17. Discuss and approve the next meeting to take place on _____ at 6:00P.M via Web to the public and in person for ESD2 Board of Commissioners.

Submitted By: Chief Esparza

Motion: Approved, Special Meeting Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Motioned by: President Santana **Seconded by:** Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Aye: President Santana, Treasurer Avalos, and Commissioner Barnes

Members Voting Nay: None

Members not present: Vice President Diaz and Secretary Butler

18. Adjournment.

* The District reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed or to speak about items not on the agenda, but that this opportunity is provided as a privilege. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided a limited amount of time, and that he/he may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.