



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

Minutes
Board of Commissioners
October 18, 2022

Attendees:

Ann Hall, President (AH)	Caroline Richardson, Auxiliary President
Carl Struck, Vice President (CS)	Martha Herden, Auxiliary Vice President
Steve Scheffe, Treasurer (SS)	Emily Becker, Auxiliary Secretary
Matt Herden, Assistant Treasurer (MH)	Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer
Lynne McKirdy, Secretary	Ben Collie, Medic
Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator	Dianne Slade, Citizen
Matt McMains, Fire Chief	Chip Slade, Citizen
Wes Patton, Community Paramedicine	

1. **Call to Order / Announcements** – Establish a quorum. **Quorum established; meeting called to order by AH at 3:00 pm.**
2. **Public Comment – Introductions of commissioners, chiefs, staff and guests, Chip and Dianne Slade.** Medic Ben Collie took the Slade's on a quick tour of the station.
3. **Consent Agenda** – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items are removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. **Motion to approve the consent agenda by CS, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - a. Approval of the September 28, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
 - b. Financial Report as of 9/30/2022
 - i. Monthly Financials:
 1. Texas Regional Checking: \$778,316.29
 2. Texas Regional CD: \$133,119.36
 3. Texas Regional Money Market: \$1,031,277.87
 4. Lone Star Money Market: \$229,085.95
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary Report**
 - a. Appreciation to Fire & EMS Auxiliary for 2021-2022 Service
Sincere appreciation of the Auxiliary's many efforts and outstanding results - AH and staff detailed all activities and results of the Auxiliary. AH provided a photo slide show. Included in the list of services provided were:
 - **Fundraising (Letter Campaign)**
 - **Grant Submissions and managing Grant awards**
 - **Prolonged response support**
 - **Public Relations – Public Awareness (Facebook, Website)**
 - **Landscaping**
 - **Education (Fire Prevention, Heat Stroke)**
 - **Community Health – COVID Booster Clinics**
 - **Coordination with Blanco County Emergency Management**

- b. Accept Auxiliary Quarterly Report – **Motion to accept Quarterly Report by MH, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - c. Accept Auxiliary FY 2022 Donation Check to the ESD – **Motion to accept the balance of donated funds after reimbursement of grants, net of expenses in the amount of \$99,271.68 by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
 - d. Approve Board of Directors for FY2023- **Motion to approve Board of Directors by LM, seconded by SS. Motion approved.**
 - e. Additional Requests / Updates – **Revision of By-Laws in process, two Fundraisers – Burger Boo and Real Ale Ride.**
5. **Chiefs’ Report**
- a. Operations Reports Fire & EMS -
Chief Oakley reported that there has been an increase in mental health calls – categorized as a ‘crisis’. Chief Oakley is working with mental health partners to address the increase.
Response times are being addressed. Shute and roll times increased with COVID (PPE Gear) and has remained higher post pandemic.
A “Total Compensation” report was distributed to all staff reflecting salary, retirement, and benefits in a total package.
CHP – Calls for service continue to trend upward with August and September running at 155 and 144 respectively. Total Calls YTD – April thru September was 752 (650 for CHP and 102 for Other). Wes Patton outlined that transportation continues to be an issue and need for CHP clients.
6. **Finance & Planning Matters**
- a. Proof of Bond Coverage Due to County Clerk in December (H&S §775.037(b)) - **Informational**
 - b. Annual Debt Obligation Report Due to Comptroller by March 30, 2022 (LGC §140.008) - **Informational**
 - c. Discuss and Consider Acceptance of Donation for CHP Program – **Chief Oakley presented a new \$50,000 Grant secured by Judge Bray to further expand the CHP Program. Discussion regarding multiple options. Motion to accept the CHP donation of \$50,000 and decide how best to use the funds based on Chief Oakley’s recommendation by LM, seconded by CS. Three in favor, one opposed. Motion approved.**
7. **Executive Session – Not Required.**
8. **Return to Open Session: N/A**
9. **Adjourn:** Next meeting: will be **November 15, 2022, at 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,
Lynne McKirdy, Secretary