



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

**Minutes
Board of Commissioners
March 21, 2023**

Attendees:

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| Ann Hall, President (AH) | Wesley Patton, CHP Captain |
| Carl Struck, Vice President (CS) | Caroline Richardson, Auxiliary President |
| Craig Richardsdon, Treasurer (CR) | Martha Herden, Auxiliary Vice President |
| Matt Herden, Assistant Treasurer (MH) | Theresa Turner, Auxiliary Treasurer |
| Lynne McKirdy, Secretary (LM) | Chris Leach, Deputy Chief, Fire |
| Ben Oakley, EMS Chief/Administrator | Ken Welch, Citizen |
| Matt McMMain, Fire Chief | |

1. **Call to Order / Announcements – Quorum established; meeting called to order at 3:00 PM.**
2. **Public Comment –**
 - **AH recognized Fire Lieutenant Joseph Berry and Paramedic Ben Collie who were presented with Employee of the Year awards from the Hill Country 100 Club.**
 - **Ken Welch asked if the Community Health Paramedic will help in Level 0 (all staffed units in both ESD's are dispatched on calls) situations by responding to calls. Chief Oakley responded that the CHP is currently responding to calls when available. Also, both Chiefs respond, when available, in Level 0 situations.**
3. **Consent Agenda – Items will be approved with a single vote. Items can be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Corrections to the balances of Texas Regional Money Market to \$1,994,911.33 and Lone Star Money Market to \$245,359.12 Motion to approve the corrected Consent Agenda by CS, seconded by LM. Motion approved.**
 - a. Approval of the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting minutes
 - b. Financial Report as of 2/28/2023
 - i. Monthly Financials:
 1. Texas Regional Checking: \$406,961.66
 2. Texas Regional CD: \$133,342.65
 3. Texas Regional Money Market: \$245,359.12
 4. Lone Star Money Market: \$1,994,911.33
4. **Fire & EMS Auxiliary**
 - a. Consider requests/actions submitted to ESD
 - **Application and a \$20, discounted fee were submitted for the May Market Days which coincides with EMS week. EMS and CHP staff will be present to do blood pressure checks.**

- **Revised protocols for Prolonged Response submitted to the Chiefs for comments.**
- **The Auxiliary is prepared to work on Blanco Blood Drives once the whole blood, “We Are Blood” program is ready.**
- **Southwest Airlines “Tickets for Time” program modified to award two round trip tickets to the drawing so that staff can bring another traveler.**

5. Chiefs’ Report

- a. **Operations Reports Fire & EMS – Reports distributed via email prior to the meeting.**
- b. **Chief Oakley provided an update on the interim/temporary Helipad at The Landing. Aviation continues to work on a suitable landing zone at the high school.**
- c. **CHP Program Update - Reports distributed via email prior to the meeting.**

6. Finance & Planning Matters

- a. **FY2024 Budget Matters – AH mentioned the need to address any pay scale discrepancies between Fire and EMS.**
- b. **Examine / accept any recommended changes to the Strategic Plan. Motion to accept changes to the Strategic Plan by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
Added:
 1. **Objective 1G: re ProQA. The Chiefs will generate the Critical Tasks, Performance Indicators, and Outcomes and submit to the Commission when time permits.****Modified:**
 2. **Objectives 1C, the objective does not change but clarifies Critical Tasks. Add: Clarify role of ESD with City in interlocal agreement with City Council.**
 3. **Objective 4A & 6A, the objective does not change but includes the Auxiliary under "Responsibility".**
- c. **Tax Calendar review – AH distributed the Tax Calendar prior to the meeting. The tax calendar will be amended if the Legislature makes changes. Motion to approve Tax Calendar by LM, seconded by CS. Motion approved.**
- d. **Authorize Purchase of Additional Community Paramedic Vehicle (Grant Funds) Motion to authorize the purchase of an additional Community Paramedic vehicle, funded by a grant, up to \$56,000 by CS, seconded by LM. Motion approved.**
- e. **Authorize Surplus of 2001 Chevrolet C7500 Tender (Tender 82) Motion to authorize surplus of 2001 C7500 Tender by CS, seconded by MH. Motion approved.**
- f. **Authorize Purchase of Replacement Lawn Mower Motion to authorize purchase of a replacement lawn mower, up to \$4,000, by LM, seconded by CR. Motion approved.**
- g. **Authorize Purchase of Materials for Kitchen Table Upgrade (Furniture) - Ranch Hand Construction (directly behind the station) has offered to donate all labor to upgrade the current table. Motion to authorize purchase of materials, up to \$700, by CS, seconded by MH. Motion approved.**

7. **Executive Session – Not Required.**
8. **Return to Open Session: N/A**
9. **Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.** Next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 3:00 PM.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Lynne McKirdy, Secretary