

# Montgomery County ESD No. 10 Magnolia Fire Department

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**DATE:** August 24, 2023

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 10 (the "District") met in a Special session, open to the public, at the Magnolia Fire Department, Station 181, 18215 Buddy Riley Blvd, Magnolia, Texas 77354 on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. inside the boundaries of the District.

#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

#### 1. Call meeting to order.

At 3:30 p.m., Commissioner Smith Called to order the Special Meeting of the Montgomery County Emergency Services District #10 (the "District") and the roll was called of the duly appointed officer's to-wit:

Larry Smith

President

Present

Charles McDonald Jeffrey Cunningham Vice President

Present

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Present

#### 3 Commissioners were present, thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Fire Chief Jeffrey Hevey; Business Manager Eloise Roberson; Assistant Chief of Operations Gary Pangarakis; Assistant Chief of Administration Chuck Grant; Division Chief of Logistics & Planning August Naumann; Division Chief of Training Jason Herrman; Battalion Chief Jeffrey Jackson; Captain of Community Risk Reduction Bryan Perry; Office Manager Rhonda Reinholz; Assistant Office Manager Joanna Padilla; District Legal counsel John Peeler of Coveler & Peeler, PC; Dennis and Ross Winker of Winkler Public Relations; Angela Zacharias from Organizology LLC; Joe Mark Robinson of Robinson Group Realtors; Montgomery County Constable Deputy Eric Gray; and other Department Officers and Staff.

Commissioner Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag. Commissioner Smith led the Pledge to the Texas Flag. Commissioner Cunningham gave the Invocation.

2. To receive public comment and conduct the public hearing/open forum to allow interested parties to address the Board of Commissioners and be heard regarding the proposed property tax rate setting.

No Public Comments Received.

# 3. Conclude Public Hearing on Tax Increase.

Mr. Smith noted the conclusion of the Public Hearing with no public testimony received. No further action was taken.

### 4. To adopt the District 2024 Budget.

Staff presented the 2024 Budget, noting minor changes since the prior presentation, pointing out refinements in the anticipated collection of ad valorem taxes for Maintenance and Operations and for Debt Service. Staff noted that adjustments to the budget are expected to continue and be reported throughout the 2024 Budget Year as changes in revenues and expenses occur.

Commissioner Cunningham made a motion to approve the District's 2024 Budget as presented by staff, and Commissioner McDonald seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

# 5. To adopt the District 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations at a rate not to exceed \$0.0806/\$100.

Commissioner McDonald moved to adopt the District's 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Maintenance and Operations at the rate of \$0.0806 per \$100, and Commissioner Cunningham seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

## 6. To adopt the District 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service, \$0.0073/\$100.

Commissioner McDonald made a motion to adopt the District's 2023 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Debt Service at a rate of \$0.0073 per \$100, and Commissioner Cunningham seconded. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0.

## 7. To adopt the District 2023 total Ad Valorem Tax Rate at a rate not to exceed \$0.0879/\$100.

Commissioner McDonald moved to adopt the District's 2023 total Ad Valorem Tax Rate using the statutorily required language:

"I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.0879/\$100, which is effectively a 14.90 percent increase in the tax rate."

Commissioner Cunningham seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of 3 to 0 with a record vote of Commissioners Smith, McDonald and Cunningham voting in FAVOR of the motion, and noting that Commissioners Clifton and Violette were ABSENT.

#### 8. Adjournment.

With no further business to come before the Board, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

Commissioner Larry Smith

President

Commissioner Charles McDonald

Vice President