



Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 10

DATE: March 23, 2020

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 Volunteer Fire Department, Station 181, 18215 Buddy Riley Blvd, Magnolia Texas 77354 on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. inside the boundaries of the District.

AGENDA ITEM:

1. Call Meeting to order

At 2:13 p.m., Commissioner Bob Buschardt 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:

2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, Pledge of Texas and Invocation.

COMMISSIONER	BOARD POSITION	
Robert Buschardt	President	Present
Scot Wall	Vice President	Absent
Johnnie Bryant	Secretary	Absent
Tate Robinson	Treasurer	Present
Tommy Gage	Assistant Secretary/Treasurer	Present

3 of 5 Commissioners were present thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Magnolia Volunteer Fire Department ("MVFD" or "the Department") Fire Chief Gary Vincent, and Office Manager Rhonda Reinholz.

Commissioner Buschardt led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. Flag.

Commissioner Robinson led the Pledge to the Texas Flag.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Gage.

3. To receive public comment.

There was no public comment.

The meeting was recessed at 3:03 pm.
The meeting reconvened for regular business at 3:08 pm.

4. Review and take action on matters relating to calling an election to be held on May 2, 2020:

- a. **To Consider and take action on such other Orders, Resolutions and related matters as required or appropriate to hold the District Election on May 2, 2020.**
- b. **To review and take action to consider postponing the May 2, 2020 election to November 3, 2020 under the authority of Governor Abbott's proclamation of March 18, 2020.**

The Board consulted with the District's legal counsel via phone.


Counsel reviewed the concerns expressed by the County Election Administrator regarding the safety of the voters and poll workers during COVID-19 pandemic which has been declared a disaster at the State and County level. The Administrator expressed concern about the availability of poll workers due to the disaster situation and has required that any entity moving forward with the election as scheduled must provide poll workers for early voting and election day.


Upon discussion of this topic, a motion was duly made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Gage, whereto the board unanimously approved to proceed with the May 2, 2020 election as scheduled for May 2, 2020 and not to move to the November uniform election date.

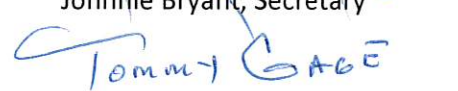
The Board also unanimously approved requesting that the Elections Office reduce the number of early voting and election day locations to one or two each, if possible, based upon how many overlapping or nearby entities choose to move forward with the election in May. The Board's stated preference is to have one early voting and one election day polling location, with Fire Station 181 being the location of those. This preference is due to the Election Office requirement that any entity moving forward with the election as scheduled in May must supply qualified poll workers for early voting and election day.

5. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Gage, the Board unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 3:31 p.m.


Robert Buschardt, President


Johnnie Bryant, Secretary


Tommy Gage

