



# Williamson County Emergency Service District No. 4 Liberty Hill Fire Department

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## Minutes of Special Meeting and Public Hearing Held on Monday, August 30, 2021

### **Call to Order (Item 1)**

The special meeting and public hearing was called to order by President Dan Clark at 6:30 p.m. Board members present were Commissioner James Baker, Commissioner Keith Bright, Commissioner James Crabtree, and Commissioner Chuck Walker. Also in attendance were Chief Anthony Lincoln, Fire Marshal Michael Dickens, and Ms. Alma Jellison.

### **Pledges (Item 2)**

Pledges were led by Commissioner Baker.

### **Citizen Comment (Item 3)**

None.

### **Open Public Hearing (Item 4)**

The public hearing on the proposed tax rate was opened at 6:32 p.m.

### **Close Public Hearing (Item 5)**

No members of the public were present for the hearing and it was closed at 6:33 p.m.

### **Review and Approve Meeting Minutes for August 9, 2021 (Item 6)**

Commissioner Baker motioned to approve the minutes. Commissioner Bright seconded the motion and it was passed 5-0.

### **Hear Treasurer's Report for July 2021 (Item 7)**

Report given by Chief Lincoln.



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## **Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022 for WCESD #4 Including a Resolution for the Same (Item 8)**

After a discussion, Commissioner Bright moved to adopt the 2021/2022 Annual Operating Budget for WCESD #4 as presented, including a resolution. Commissioner Crabtree seconded the motion. It was passed 4-1 with Commissioner Baker voting against.

## **Discussion and Possible Action on the District's 2021/2022 Tax Rate, Adopt an Order Levying Taxes, and Authorizing Filing the Order with Williamson County Tax Assessor/Collector (Item 9)**

Commissioner Bright moved that the property tax rate be increased by adoption of a tax rate of \$0.083155, which is effectively a 3.753% increase in the tax rate. THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE. THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 3.500 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$2.41. Commissioner Crabtree seconded the motion and it was approved as follows: Clark-aye; Baker-aye; Bright-aye; Crabtree-aye; Walker-aye.

## **Acknowledge and Approve Posting of Statement Regarding Adopted Tax Rate to Home Page of District Website (Item 10)**

Commissioner Crabtree motioned to approve the posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of the district website, including verbiage that was adopted with the district's 2021 tax rate. Commissioner Bright seconded and it was approved 5-0.

## **Discussion and Possible Action of Purchasing of Property, Status of Design, Architectural and Engineering Work, Architectural and Engineering Consultants, and Construction on Fire Station #3 and #4 and Associated Funding (Item 11)**

No updates given.

## **Receiving Monthly Report from Fire Chief Regarding Emergency Operations, Response Times, Call Volume, Training, Management Activities, and Personnel and Consider Taking Related Action (Item 12)**

Report given by Chief Lincoln.



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## **Announcements (Item 13)**

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021.

## **Adjourn (Item 14)**

Commissioner Bright made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Crabtree seconded the motion and it was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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James Crabtree, Secretary

Approved:

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Dan Clark, President