

SABINE COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

September 30, 2016

The Sabine County Hospital District Board of Directors met for a Special Meeting on September 30, 2016 at 11:00 AM in the Sabine County Hospital Cafeteria.

Present

Phil Yocom, President
Earl Willis, Board Member
Joe McNaughten, Secretary
Mark Pearson, Vice President
Gary Williams, EMS Administrator
Diane Powell, District Administrator
Emily Taylor, Administrative Assistant

Others Present

Montez McNaughten, Sabine County Citizen

- I. Mr. Yocom called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.
- II. Mr. Pearson opened the meeting with prayer.
- III. Mr. Yocom asked Ms. Powell to explain to the board what changes had been made since the last public hearing. Ms. Powell stated since the budget that was discussed in public hearing was based off the roll back rate. Ms. Powell stated since the tax rate was not adopted in time the District now has to go with the effective rate. The difference from the Roll Back Rate to the Effective Rate is approximately a loss of \$100,000 for the Budget year 2016. She explained she took \$100,000 out of the capital reserve out lay and brought the first Responders back to \$36,000 compared to the \$40,000 we had talked about giving them. Ms. Powell stated that if anyone else would like to make changes then it would have to be done at a regular scheduled board meeting because we had to vote on a budget today. Ms. Powell explained in order Ms. Stone, Sabine County Tax Assessor to send out tax bills by October 10, 2016 she had to have a budget done by noon so Ms. Stone will have time to order them. Mr. Yocom opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Pearson stated "What the hell Mr. Willis?" Mr. Willis asked Mr. Pearson where he was. Mr. Pearson stated so we stand in the parking lot so we have not quorum so now here we are jumping through hoops to get things done while losing \$100,000 to help provide for the citizens of this community. Mr. Pearson stated not only does Mr. Willis owe the Board an explanation but more importantly he owes the citizens of the community an explanation. He stated that his action was extremely unprofessional and as he has told Mr. Willis in previous board meeting always come prepared. Mr. Pearson stated from what he understood from reading online, Mr. Willis was waiting on documents so you could not be in the meeting to adopt the Budget and tax rate that need to be adopted in a very timely manner. Mr. Pearson stated again to Mr. Willis that was very unprofessional as it has been for about the last six months but at this point you owe the citizens an explanation. Mr. Pearson stated that this is very detrimental on many aspects. Mr. Willis stated he believes that there are four board members on this Board so whatever you say to him, has to be said to yourself as well. Mr. Willis stated because there were only two board members present at the meeting. Mr. Willis stated if one of the two of us would have been here then this would not have happened. Mr. Yocom stated that Mr. Pearson did inform him that he would not be able to make the meeting Monday. Mr. Pearson stated that he was on

his way. Mr. Pearson stated that he is not retired but also self-employed and raising a daughter by himself. He stated that the Hospital Board takes away from his business and daughter and his family in the past constantly. Mr. Pearson stated that there is a big difference. He stated he was in route, but Mr. Willis was standing 15 to 20 feet outside the room which was childish. Mr. Willis stated ok well we are here today because there was not a quorum. Mr. Willis stated he did not state he was waiting on documents but stated he was waiting on something but not documents. Mr. Pearson stated that he was not going to dispute the terminology of what was said your actions were inappropriate. Mr. McNaughten stated hold on a minute, "Mr. Willis you told me that you were going to stay outside so we would not have a quorum so we couldn't vote on something that was on the agenda." Mr. Yocom stated "Really!" Mr. Willis stated ok. Mr. Pearson asked Mr. Willis if he couldn't see where that is wrong. Mr. Pearson stated that Mr. Willis need to consider the seat he holds on this Board. Mr. Willis stated that he could not understand Mr. Pearson. Mr. Pearson restated that Mr. Willis need to reconsider the seat he holds if you are going to intentionally do things that are detrimental not only to the Hospital and EMS, but also to the citizens to the community you need to consider the seat you sit in. Mr. Pearson stated he was not calling for his resignation but I am calling for you to be thinking about it with a little better judgement because that right there is uncalled for sir. Mr. Yocom stated we don't have a choice so he moved to adopt the budget that is proposed. Mr. McNaughten seconded. Mr. Yocom, Mr. Pearson and Mr. McNaughten Voted yes. Mr. Willis abstained. Motion Passed.

- IV. Mr. McNaughten moved to adopt the Sabine County Hospital District Effective Rate of .1950911 per \$100 evaluation. Mr. Yocom seconded. Ms. Powell that the resolution had to be read into the minutes before voting. Mr. Yocom stated on this 30th day of September, 2016. WE, the Board of Directors for the Sabine County Hospital District, hereby levy or set the tax rate on \$100 valuation for the Hospital District for the year 2016 at a total rate of \$0.1950911, to be assessed and collected by the duly specified Sabine County Tax Assessor/Collector as follows: \$0.1950911 for the purpose of maintenance and operations \$-0- for the purpose of principle and interest on bonds. Mr. Yocom, Mr. Person and Mr. McNaughten voted yes. Mr. Willis abstained.

- V. Mr. Pearson stated he was speechless.

Mr. McNaughten stated as long as he had worked we had a saying one oh shit wiped out all the good. He stated that the District just lost out on \$100,000 that could have been used for ambulance service and many other things. He stated that all he could think of was oh shit.

Mr. Willis no comment

Mr. Yocom stated that he was just disgusted. He stated this put us in a financial hold what the district will not be able to crawl out of for three years. Mr. Yocom stated that EMS was already cut to the bone and the couple thousand dollars more that was going to be given to the First Responders is no longer going to happen. He stated that the budget would have to be amended at some point with big expenses coming in EMS with remounts and other things, something will have to be cut out.

- VI. Meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.