**Meeting Minutes -Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 6**

The Montgomery County Emergency Services District No. 6 Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting at the Porter Fire Station #121, 23550 Loop 494, Porter, Texas 77365 on July 28, 2026 at 11:00 A.M.

**Commissioners present**: David Miller, Caleb Smith, Charles Bushnell, Terry Barnhill, and Donnie Click. Donnie Click left at 1:15 P.M.
**Also attending**: Chief Carter Johnson, Assistant Chief Charles Martin, Tiffany Davidson, Eric Gonzalez of Clarity Consulting Corporation, and District Legal Counsel Krystine Ramon of Coveler & Peeler, P.C.
**Commissioners not present**: None.
**Public attendees**: Members of Montgomery County ESD No. 6.

- The Board convened and the meeting was called to order at 11:12 A.M. by President Caleb Smith.
- The Board conducted roll call with a quorum present.
- The Board opened the floor for public comment. There were no public comments.
- The Board next addressed item 3 of the agenda, to consider and accept excess collections for 2025 debt service and certification for the 2026/2027 debt service collection rate. Motion by Commissioner Miller and second by Commissioner Bushnell to accept the excess collections and certification as presented, including excess collections of $16,611. **After discussion, the motion was approved 5 to 0.**
- The Board next addressed agenda item 4, to propose the District 2027 Budget. Chief Johnson presented an overview of the proposed 2027 Budget, including current and proposed property tax revenue, current and proposed sales tax revenue, current and proposed payroll, and a proposed 4% cost-of-living adjustment. Chief Johnson reported a proposed budget of $14,179,766.00, an 8.99% increase from 2026. The Board discussed the proposed cost-of-living adjustment. The Board set a budget workshop for August 12, 2026 to discuss the budget further. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 5, to propose the District 2026 Tax Rate. Motion by Commissioner Click and second by Commissioner Miller to approve a proposed 2026 Tax Rate of $0.10/$100. **After discussion, the motion was approved 5 to 0.**
- The Board next addressed agenda item 6, to schedule a public hearing regarding the District's 2026 tax rate and the date of the meeting to adopt. Motion by Commissioner Barnhill and second by Commissioner Bushnell to schedule the public hearing and meeting to adopt the 2026 tax rate for August 24, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. **After discussion, the motion was approved 5 to 0.**
- The Board next addressed agenda item 7, to approve minutes of prior meetings. Motion by Commissioner Bushnell and second by Commissioner Miller to approve the June 26, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.**
- The Board then addressed agenda item 8, to act on financial matters, including reports from the District bookkeeper and Treasurer, payment of bills, investments, financial institutions, audits, and required reports. Eric Gonzalez from Clarity Consulting presented the District's financial report and reviewed the investment report, fund balances, pledged collateral, tax collections, state reimbursements, the Stripe account, Profit and Loss report, and sales tax receipts. Motion by Commissioner Barnhill and second by Commissioner Bushnell to approve the financial report as presented and to pay District bills. **After discussion, the motion was approved 5 to 0.** For more detailed information concerning the District's financial condition, see the financial reports on file with the District.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 9, to approve a resolution ratifying the ongoing engagement of delinquent tax collection counsel and imposing penalties under Tax Code §§33.07, 33.08, and 33.11 to fund delinquent tax collection legal fees. Motion by Commissioner Smith and second by Commissioner Barnhill to approve the resolution as presented. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.**

- The Board next addressed agenda item 10 regarding construction, improvements, repairs, renovations, equipment purchases, and related professional services for District facilities. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 11, to review and act on disposition of surplus and/or salvage property. The Board discussed one pallet of property. Motion by Commissioner Barnhill and second by Commissioner Bushnell to designate the property as surplus and place it for sale through Rene Bates Auctioneers, and, if it does not sell, to designate it as salvage. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.**
- The Board next addressed agenda item 12 regarding acquisition and financing of capital equipment and vehicles. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 13 regarding real estate. Krystine Ramon presented an amendment for the Cumberland property providing an additional 60 days for the feasibility period. No action was taken as up to 180 days was approved for additional feasibility.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 14 regarding a 400+ radio tower on Station 121 grounds. Chief Johnson reported that Montgomery County is pursuing grant funding and coordinating with Montgomery County Hospital District regarding a shared tower facility. The Board discussed continued negotiations with the Hospital District. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 15, to review, discuss, and take action to approve a land use agreement for Station 126. The Board discussed a land use agreement at Valley Ranch for shopping center employee parking. Motion by Commissioner Smith and second by Commissioner Barnhill to approve the land use agreement. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.**
- The Board next addressed agenda item 16, receiving the Fire Department operations and activities report to evaluate departmental performance, operational readiness, personnel welfare, and ongoing strategic initiatives within the District. Chief Johnson reported 554 total incidents for June 2026, with an average response time of 10 minutes and 35 seconds, highlighting the Department's sustained service demands and response capabilities. Chief Johnson further advised that the firefighter hospitalized following a heat-related incident had been released and that the Department was actively developing enhanced heat-index procedures to strengthen firefighter safety and risk mitigation efforts. In addition, Chief Johnson provided updates on significant operational activities during the month, including a structural collapse within the District, mutual-aid responses to Humble, a fireworks-related house fire, participation in New Caney ISD active-shooter training, planned swift-water rescue training, a TIFMAS deployment to Carrizo Springs, progress on the Station 121 feasibility study, and pending water-charge information related to the Cumberland property. The report demonstrated the Department's continued focus on emergency response, interagency collaboration, training preparedness, infrastructure planning, and operational accountability. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 17, to review and act on records management issues. No action was taken.
- The Board next addressed agenda items 18 through 20 concerning closed-session matters. The Board did not convene Closed Session under agenda item 19 concerning real estate. The Board convened in Closed Session at 12:52 P.M. under Government Code §551.071 and Tax Code §323.3022 to consult with legal counsel regarding litigation and tax matters and under Government Code §551.074 to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Click left the meeting at 1:15 P.M. The Board later returned to Open Session before taking action under agenda item 21.
- The Board next addressed agenda item 21, to review and take action on personnel matters. Motion by Commissioner Smith and second by Commissioner Barnhill to adopt the District's Sick Pool Leave Policy pending final legal review. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.**

- The Board next addressed agenda item 22, to review and act on scheduling District meetings and items to be added to meeting agendas. The Board scheduled a workshop for August 12, 2026 at 4:00 P.M. and the next regular meeting for August 24, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. No action was taken.
- Motion by Commissioner Barnhill and second by Commissioner Miller to adjourn. **After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 0.** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 1:31 P.M.