

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY
COUNTY OF BELL

TAX APPRAISAL DISTRICT OF BELL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

JUNE 18, 2019

AFTER PROPER posting of notice by the County Clerk of Bell County, Texas, copy of the same being attached hereto and made a part of these minutes, the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County Board of Directors met in public and regular session in the Tax Appraisal District building, 411 East Central Avenue, Belton, Texas on June 18, 2019 with the following members present to wit:

**CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN
VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY JARED BRYAN
DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR
DIRECTOR SUSAN JONES
DIRECTOR SCOTT MORROW
DIRECTOR HAL SCHIFFMAN
DIRECTOR VIRGINIA SUAREZ**

Also present: **CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE
CHIEF DEPUTY APPRAISER ROGER CHESSE
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LINDA HEARELL**

MINUTE NUMBER 32-19: CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. The total amount for the 2020 budget is \$5,238,693 which is a 3.45% increase over the 2019 budget. CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE then informed the Board of changes from the Legislative Session that will impact the District. The District will be required to maintain a separate website, showing the taxing entities and the amounts of taxes that will be collected by each unit and mail out postcards with

estimated taxes to property owners.

MINUTE NUMBER 33-19: CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN then asked if there was anyone who would like to ask questions or had any comments concerning the 2020 Budget. The Board then closed the Public Hearing since there were no comments or questions about the 2020 Budget.

MINUTE NUMBER 34-19: CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN then called the regular meeting to order at 6:24 p.m.

MINUTE NUMBER 35-19: PUBLIC COMMENT ON POLICIES OR PROCEDURES – Howard E Arey addressed the Board concerning his property located at 2027 Sandy Point Road, Harker Heights, Texas.

MINUTE NUMBER 36-19: The Board then received a written report from Jay Taggart, the Taxpayer Liaison Officer for the District. A copy is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

MINUTE NUMBER 37-19: CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN then called to the Board's attention that they had previously received copies of the minutes of March 19, April 16, and April 30, 2019 and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Upon motion of DIRECTOR HAL SCHIFFMAN, seconded by DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR, to approve the minutes as read. Motion carried. DIRECTOR SUSAN JONES abstained.

MINUTE NUMBER 38-19: CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN then called for the financial report of the District for the month of February. CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE presented the financial report for February, copies of which are attached hereto

and made a part of these minutes. Upon motion of **DIRECTOR SCOTT MORROW**, seconded by **DIRECTOR SUSAN JONES**, to approve the financial report for the month of February. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 39-19: **CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN** then called for the financial report of the District for the month of March. **CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE** presented the financial report for March, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Upon motion of **DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR**, seconded by **VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY JARED BRYAN**, to approve the financial report for the month of March. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 40-19: **CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN** then called for the financial report of the District for the month of April. **CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE** presented the financial report for April, copies of which are attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Upon motion of **DIRECTOR HAL SCHIFFMAN**, seconded by **DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR**, to approve the financial report for the month of April. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 41-19: After due discussion, it was moved by **VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY JARED BRYAN**, seconded by **DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR**, to adopt the 2020 Budget with reducing the Contingency Reserve from \$150,000 to \$75,000 with the following line item adjustments: move \$50,000 from (5507) Contingency Reserve to (5501) Postage; move \$10,000 from (5507) Contingency Reserve to (5606) Data Processing and move \$15,000 from (5507) Contingency

Reserve to (5403) Forms & Printing in order for the District to comply with new legislative requirements. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 42-19: CHIEF APPRAISER BILLY WHITE presented the Board with report showing the impact of exemptions and their effect on properties in Bell County & discussed conducting a possible entity exemption workshop. CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN asked CHIEF APPRAISER WHITE to develop a plan of action to discuss at the next meeting.

MINUTE NUMBER 43-19: CHIEF APPRAISER WHITE then discussed the status of the 2019 Budget.

MINUTE NUMBER 44-19: The District received three estimates for painting the building. Popelka Paint Contracting presented an estimate of \$11,500; Precise Painting presented an estimate of \$11,550 and Lopez Paint presented an estimate of \$19,565. Upon motion of VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY JARED BRYAN, seconded by DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR, to accept the estimate of \$11,500 as presented by Popelka Paint Contracting and authorize CHIEF APPRAISER WHITE to spend up to \$15,000 to repaint and update the exterior of the building with possible matching funds from a grant from the city of Belton. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 45-19: At 7:31 p.m., the Board met in Executive Session in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Section 551.076 of the Texas Government Code, to consider the deployment, specific occasions for, or implementation of, security

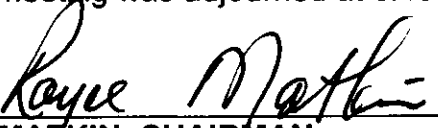
personnel or devices. At 8:15 p.m., the Board returned to open session. **CHAIRMAN ROYCE MATKIN** stated that no decision and no vote was taken in executive session.

MINUTE NUMBER 46-19: Upon motion of **DIRECTOR SCOTT MORROW**, seconded by **DIRECTOR CHRIS FLOR**, to approve Progressive Protection to install security with panic buttons for the Tax Appraisal District of Bell County building located at 411 East Central, Belton, Texas in the amount of \$33,735. Motion carried.

MINUTE NUMBER 47-19: **CHIEF APPRAISER WHITE** then presented the Board with an updated lawsuit report. The collection report for October 2018 thru May 2019. The Appraisal Review Board began hearings on May 21st and continue thru July 11th. As of June 18th 10,300 protest have been filed. Discussed with the Board customer service results. Presented the Board with 2019 Group Health Marketing Proposal for Blue Cross, Humana and United Healthcare.

MINUTE NUMBER 48-19: The Board set **JULY 23, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.** as it next meeting date.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



ROYCE MATKIN, CHAIRMAN
Tax Appraisal District of Bell County

ATTEST:



JARED BRYAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN/SECRETARY
Tax Appraisal District of Bell County