

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 14, 2020**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Dennis Reed, Jim Bob Vidler, David Caston, Brent Ingvaridsen, LaTarsha Shelton, KaTina Lane and Rodney Arbuckle.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Office Assistant & Billing Specialist Melonie Confair, Attorney Rhys Burgess, Auditor Michael Gardner, Architect Brian McNew, Medical Director Dr. McGauly, and several people from the community.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Shelton at 5:00 p.m. Dr. McGauly gave the invocation, and Chairman Shelton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests were acknowledged, and public comments were heard. New board member Rodney Arbuckle who replaced Tim Thames, was introduced.

The motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2019 Board meeting was made by Vidler. It was seconded by Reed. Arbuckle abstained. Motion carried with all ayes.

The financial reports: current bank balances, income and expenses, and budget vs. actual were presented by Magee. A motion to accept them was made by Caston. Vidler seconded the motion. The motion carried by all ayes.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Ingvaridsen. Lane seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

Old Business:

The motion to move forward with the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Fire District 2 was made by Ingvaridsen and was seconded by Arbuckle. The motion carried with all ayes.

Attorney Burgess gave an update on the lawsuits.

New Business:

Ingvaridsen made the motion to accept the bid for Station 6, for a cost of \$1,519,800 submitted by M&M Builders, pending confirmation that bid was made legal. It was seconded by Vidler. The motion carried with all ayes. Architect McNew stated that the process was carried out per bid law.

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Michael Gardner of Dees Gardner CPAs presented the audit for fiscal year July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 with no findings. The Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for fiscal year 2018 - 2019 had no exceptions. The motion to approve the audit was made by Caston. It was seconded by Lane. Motion carried with all yeas.

The motion to accept the quote from Excellance for \$8,975 to upgrade the suspension on Medic 12 was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Ingvardsen. Motion carried with all ayes.

The motion to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Ingvardsen. All ayes carried the motion.

Rodney Arbuckle
Board Member

David Caston
Board Member