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Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Wednesday, June 21, 2017

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a special meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: LaTarsha Shelton, Tim Thames, Keith Parker, Brent Ingvarlsen, and Dennis Reed. Absent were Rusty Canton and Katina Lane.

Guests were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, EMS Supervisor Lane Johnson, and Administrative Assistant Jane Manning.

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Shelton at 5:03 p.m. Reed gave the invocation, and Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was offered by Tim Thames and seconded by Brent Ingvarlsen:

RESOLUTION

A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, State of Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), that:

SECTION 1. Election Call. Subject to the approval of the State Bond Commission, and under the authority conferred by Article VI, Sections 30 and 32 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, the applicable provisions of Chapter 5 and Chapter 6-A of the Louisiana Election Code, and other constitutional and statutory authority, a special election is hereby called and ordered to be held in the District on **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017**, between the hours of seven o'clock (7:00) a.m. and eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18: 541, and at the said election there shall be submitted to all registered voters qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of this State and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION
(MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy a seven (7) mills tax (the "Tax") on all the property subject to taxation within the District for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2019 and ending with the year 2028 (an estimated \$5,832,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for the purpose of paying the cost of providing ambulance service in the District, said millage to represent a one mill (1) increase over the 6 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on November 4, 2008?

SECTION 2. Publication of Notice of Election. A Notice of Special Election shall be published in the *Mansfield Enterprise*, a newspaper of general circulation within the District, published in Mansfield, Louisiana, and being the official journal of the District, once a week for four consecutive weeks, with the first publication to be made not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than ninety (90) days prior to the date of the election, which Notice shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as "Exhibit A" and incorporated herein by reference the same as if it were set forth herein in full.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, prior to the publication of the Notice of Election, the Chairman is authorized and directed to make any amendments to the foregoing proposition that may be required to comply with any state or federal regulatory agencies.

SECTION 3. Canvass. This Governing Authority shall meet at its regular meeting place, the DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District Building, 231 EMS Circle, Mansfield, Louisiana, on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2018, at FIVE (O'CLOCK (5:00) P.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election.

SECTION 4. Polling Places. The polling places for the precincts set forth in the aforesaid Notice of Special Election are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, will be the same persons as those designated in accordance with law.

SECTION 5. Election Commissioners: Voting Machines. The officers designated to serve as Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners pursuant to Section 4 hereof, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18: 1287, shall hold the said special election as herein provided, and shall make due returns of said election for the meeting of the Governing Authority to be held on Tuesday, January 9, 2018, as provided in Section 3 hereof, All registered voters in the District will be entitled to vote at the special election, and voting machines shall be used.

SECTION 6. Authorization of Officers. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority is hereby empowered, authorized and directed to arrange for and to furnish to said election officers in ample time for the holding of said election, the necessary equipment, forms and other paraphernalia essential to the proper holding of said election and the Chairman and/or Secretary-Treasurer of the Governing Authority are further authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all further action required by State and/or Federal law to arrange for the election.

SECTION 7. Furnishing Election Call to Election Officials. Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State, the Clerk of Court and Ex-Officio Parish Custodian of Voting Machines of DeSoto Parish and the Registrar of Voters of DeSoto Parish, as notification of the special election, in order that each may prepare for said election and perform their respective functions as required by law.

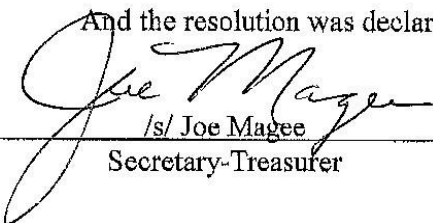
SECTION 8. Application to State Bond Commission. Application is made to the State Bond Commission for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event said election carries for further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State Bond Commission on behalf of this Governing Authority, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

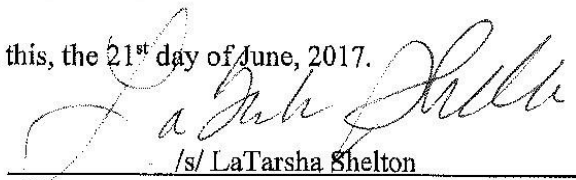
SECTION 9. Approval of Governing Authority of the Parish. Application is hereby made to the Police Jury of the Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana, for consent and authority to hold the special election as herein provided, and in the event the election carries, for its further consent and authority to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein. A certified copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Police Jury of the Parish of DeSoto on behalf of the District, together with a letter requesting the prompt consideration and approval of this application.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
LaTarsha Shelton	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Tim Thames	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Keith Parker	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Rusty Canton	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brent Ingvarlsen	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Katina Lane	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Dennis Reed	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 21st day of June, 2017.


 /s/ Joe Magee
 Secretary-Treasurer


 /s/ LaTarsha Shelton
 Chairman

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Parker made the motion to adjourn at 5:13 p.m. It was seconded by Thames. All yeas carried the motion.

LaTarsha Shelton
Chairman

Thames, Parker, Reed, or Ingvarlsen
Board Member