

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:02 p.m. Caston gave the invocation, and Vidler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A verbal roll call was taken with members present being: Dennis Reed (ZOOM), David Caston, Chairman James Vidler, and Vice-Chairman Rodney Arbuckle. LaTarsha Shelton, KaTina Lane, and Brent Ingvardsen were absent.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Medical Director Dr. Pat McGaully, Lena Haydel (ZOOM), Brandon Stogner, Keith Davidson, and Paramedic Logan Moore.

Guests were acknowledged, and there were no public comments.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The motion to approve the minutes from the June 9, 2020 Public Hearing and Board Meeting with no corrections was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Caston. Motion carried with all ayes.

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

A motion to pay the bills was made by Arbuckle. Caston seconded the motion. All ayes carried the motion.

**Old Business:**

An update on Station 6 was given by Magee The floors are being done, along with interior painting.

An update on the donation of the Ford Expedition to the City of Mansfield was given by Magee. The Cooperative Endeavor and Act of Donation has been completed, and the City has taken possession of the vehicle.

A Cooperative Endeavor and Act of Donation approved by the Board has not been completed as planned. The medic unit that was supposed to be donated to DeSoto Fire District 9 has replaced the current medic unit on site at International Paper Co. Arbuckle made the motion to rescind the motion and vote to donate the vehicle to DFD9. A second was made by Caston. All ayes carried the motion.

**New Business:**

Note: The Assessor declared a reassessment millage rate of 7.19.

The millage resolution was read aloud by Manning as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by DeSoto Parish Ambulance Service District.

MILLAGE

Maintenance	7.0 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2020, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 3

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on August 11, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Mansfield, Louisiana, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

Joe Magee, Administrator

A verbal roll call vote was taken with Reed voting yea by ZOOM. Vidler, Arbuckle, Caston voted yea. There were no nays and none abstained. Lane, Shelton, and Ingvarsdson were absent. Votes are recorded within the resolution.

**New Business**, continued:

Two quotes for insurance (vehicles, buildings, property, liability, malpractice, etc.) were presented by Lena Haydel (ZOOM) with Laris Insurance Agency (current broker) and Keith Davidson (VFIS). The quotes for policy year 8-20-2020 to 8-20-2021 are as follows:

- **VFIS:** \$524,052.32 annual premium – only 1 company will provide coverage.
- **LARIS:** \$384,280.50 annual premium – 7 companies provide coverage.

A lengthy discussion ensued with an emphasis on the auto policy. Both representatives answered many questions from the Board. The motion to approve VFIS was made by Caston. Arbuckle seconded the motion with all ayes carrying the motion. Special Risk Insurance (VFIS) will be the broker.

Arbuckle made the motion to bid advertise for a new medic unit. The second was made by Caston. All ayes carried the motion. An estimated cost is \$230,000.

The financial report was given by Magee. The bank balances, income comparison, statistics, and taxes received reports were presented. The Budget vs. Actual and the income and expenses reports were also given. Arbuckle made the motion to approve the financial reports. Reed seconded the motion via ZOOM. Motion carried by all ayes.

The motion to pay the bills was made by Arbuckle. The motion was seconded by Caston. All ayes carried the motion.

Terms were renewed for Vidler and Ingvarlsen by the DeSoto Parish Police Jury with terms beginning August 8, 2020.

The motion to adjourn at 6:03 p.m. was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Caston. All ayes carried the motion.

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James Vidler  
Board Chairman

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Rodney Arbuckle  
Board Vice-Chairman