

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners  
Public Hearing Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:23 p.m.

Members present were: Chairman James Vidler and David Caston. Board Members present via ZOOM were Dr. Stacey Henderson, Dennis Reed and Kimberly Adams. Vice-Chairman Rodney Arbuckle and Board Member LaTarsha Shelton were absent.

Guests were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Billing Specialist Melonie Confair, and Paramedic Dillon Fox.

Caston made the motion to open the public hearing. The second was made by Adams. Motion carried by all ayes.

The public meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:23 p.m.

There were no questions regarding the 2021 - 2022 budget or the 2021 millage.

Caston made the motion to close the public hearing. Henderson seconded the motion. All yeas carried the motion. The hearing was closed at 5:32 by Vidler.

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Regular Meeting Tuesday, June 8, 2021**

The June 8, 2021 regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:32 p.m. Caston gave the invocation, and Mann led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2021, Board Meeting (with no corrections) was made by Caston. It was seconded by Henderson. 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, and Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried by all ayes.

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

**Old Business:**

Magee gave the update on the purchase of an E-Force extrication tool for the Supervisor Truck 705. The tools are still not available at this time.

**Old Business, continued:**

Architect Brian McNew has requested a site study for the proposed vehicle maintenance building. We may be ready for bids in 60 days.

Medic 17 has been picked up in Alabama and is ready to be put into service. Delivery of Medic 16 is expected in a few weeks.

**New Business:**

The millage resolution was read aloud by Manning as follows:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 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 2021, 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: Adams, Caston, Henderson, Reed  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: Arbuckle, Shelton

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on June 8, 2021, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Mansfield, Louisiana, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Joe Magee, Administrator

**New Business, continued:**

A verbal roll call was made for the Millage Resolution: Adams – yes, Caston – yes, Reed – yes, Henderson – yes, Arbuckle – absent, Shelton – absent

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE Ambulance Service District of the Parish of DeSoto, Louisiana, in a public meeting/hearing held on June 8, 2021, which meeting/hearing was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), and additionally, the provisions of RS 39:1307 related to the public participation in preparation for the budget for fiscal year 2021 – 2022. The following budget will be implemented with said Parish for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022.

AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT                      budget 2021 – 2022

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

YEAS: 4  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTAINED: 0  
ABSENT: 2

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the meeting/hearing held on June 8, 2021, at which a quorum was present and voting.

Mansfield, Louisiana, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.

Joe Magee, Administrator

A verbal roll call was made for the Budget Resolution: Adams – yes, Caston – yes, Reed – yes, Henderson – yes, Arbuckle – absent, Shelton – absent.

A motion was made by Caston to engage Dees Gardner, CPAs to complete the audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. Henderson seconded the motion. Motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made by Caston to adopt the Mansfield Enterprise as the official journal for 2021 - 2022. A second was made by Reed. The motion carried with all ayes.

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The motion to adjourn at 5:48 p.m. was made by Adams and seconded by Caston. All ayes carried the motion.

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James Vidler  
Chairman

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Rodney Arbuckle  
Board Member

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