

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were Board Members: LaTarsha Shelton, Dennis Reed, Jim Bob Vidler, and David Caston. Absent were KaTina Lane and Brent Ingvarlsen. Tim Thames resigned after the August 13, 2019 meeting.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Assistant Administrator Karl Mann, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Office Assistant & Billing Specialist Melonie Confair, and Attorney Rhys Burgess. Other guests were Donna Hayes, Brenda Peoples, Chasity Robinson, Maria Hogan, and Danita Abraham.

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

Guests were acknowledged by Chairman Shelton, and public comments were heard.

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2019 regular Board meeting with no corrections was made by Reed. Vidler seconded the motion. All ayes carried the motion.

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

A motion to pay the bills was made by Caston with Vidler seconding the motion. All ayes carried the motion.

Old Business:

An update was given on the two newest vehicles that have been delivered. Supervisor's truck 705 is back in service after the installation of the box was completed. The 2020 Tahoe was delivered at the end of September and is being outfitted with emergency lights, radios, etc.

An update was given on the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with DeSoto Fire District 2 by Attorney Burgess, who stated that the rough draft is almost complete. He also stated that the deed for the 8292 Hwy. 5 property has been filed.

Burgess also gave an update on the lawsuits. The Branton case is set for trial in early 2020. The appeal in federal court in New Orleans on Nov. 4, 2019, will be attended by EMS attorney Byrd for oral arguments.

New Business:

Caston made the motion to increase the salary of Ronnie Lee, Shop Foreman, from \$62,400 to \$74,400 annually (adding \$1,000 a month or \$12,000). Lee just returned from training in Alabama. Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried by all ayes.

Vidler made the motion to adjourn at 5:55 p.m. Reed seconded, and the motion was carried by all ayes.

LaTarsha Shelton
Chairman

Jim Bob Vidler
Board Member