

Hays County
Emergency Services District 7
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Meeting Minutes: August 16, 2023

President Julia New called the meeting to order after verifying quorum at 6:30 p.m.

Present:	Julia New	President (via Zoom)
	Andrew Cable	Vice-President
	Scott Brown	Treasurer
	Michael Floreani	Secretary

The minutes of the July 2023 meeting were reviewed. Scott Brown moved to approve the minutes. Andrew Cable seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ken Strange spoke regarding WEMS ambulance operations. They have one ambulance out of service temporarily, but they are otherwise operating well. Their levels of cash flows are currently meeting their needs.

Scott Brown spoke regarding the Treasurer's Report. We are still in a slow revenue period and we have ample reserves. No checks need to be written this month. Andrew Cable moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Michael Floreani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Scott Brown spoke regarding the proposed budget. There is currently \$4.8 billion on the Hays County tax rolls (including 2% growth and 12% increased property value). He proposes 5.77 cents per \$100, for \$5.6 million in projected revenue. This will fund monthly payments to WEMS of \$290,000 per month, which is a 70% increase. The increase is needed to fund a new unit and staff at WEMS. Approximately \$750,000 in reduced cash flow will occur, which will eat into our reserves. However, we have a five year cushion in our reserves to accommodate this increase. The proposed rate will not require voter approval, but will require two public hearings. Andrew Cable moved to approve the proposed tax rate. Michael Floreani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The public meetings will be scheduled for August 30, 2023 and September 6, 2023, both at 6:30 p.m.

Michael Floreani moved to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at WEMS.