

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 16, 2019

The Board of Directors of the Morris County Appraisal District met in regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 in the conference room of the Morris County Appraisal District, 501 Crockett Street, Suite 1, Daingerfield, TX. Members present were, Scott Pollan, Kenneth M. Allen & Jean Garner. Others present: Summer Golden, Chief Appraiser.

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Pollan called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm & announced a quorum present. No public was present to comment.

MINUTES:

On motion by Garner, seconded by Allen & approved by all, it was moved to approve February 7, 2019 Minutes.

APPRAISAL & COLLECTION SOFTWARE CONTRACT:

Golden explained that we had approved the Appraisal & Collection Contract back in 2018 for 2019-2020 however, we need to move to the new Paragon system which is an upgrade of the current system that all clients have been moving to over the past several years. We will no longer have a server but the new lease will include 7 PCs and 2 Printers, cost remains the same for 2019 and reduces \$1050 for 2020 over the previously approved contract.

On motion by Allen, seconded by Garner & approved by all, it was moved to approve the Appraisal Software & Tax Collection Contract dated July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

EXPENDITURES & FINANCIALS:

February-April 2019 Expenditures & Financials were reviewed.

2020 BUDGET WORKSHOP:

Golden presented the 2020 Preliminary Budget which is an increase of \$5980 over the current year budget, Appraisal & Collections combined. The Appraisal increase is \$4580 and Collections is \$1400. Each year in preparing the budget I look at the prior year actual costs and the current year to date. Increases are from the Audit increase as well as preparing for the SB2 which is in Legislation currently. If this passes, there will be additional website & mailings for the CAD & I want to be prepared. At this time it's very preliminary to see if there will be an insurance increase however, I prepare for that in contingency as well as cost of living increase, merits & educational advancements. These will be given at year end. Golden stated that she continually seeks ways to reduce the budget but with rising costs she feels that a 1% increase is maintaining a cost effective budget.

CHIEF APPRAISER REPORTS:

Golden stated Notices were mailed and it's been a busy month. Also, the Property Value Study is being conducted by the Comptrollers Office this year.

ADJOURN:

On motion by Allen, seconded by Garner & approved by all, meeting was adjourned.


Chairman


Secretary