

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, NEWTON CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT

The Newton Central Appraisal District board of directors met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018, in the office of the Appraisal District at 109 East Court Street in the city of Newton, Newton County, Texas.

Present were Chairman J.C. Avant, Vice Chairman Ron Hughes, and member Sandra Blakeney. Member Robert L (Luke) Smith arrived at 6:10 p.m. Also present was new member Charles Summers. Absent was Newton County Tax Assessor Collector Melissa Burkes.

Also, present were Chief Appraiser Margie L Herrin, and Chief Deputy Kathy Maier.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J.C. Avant at 6:00 p.m.

Guest present was Christi Wofford, with the Mitchell T Fontenote CPA firm.

There were no public comments.

Christi Wofford, gave the results of the 2017 financial audit. She stated that no problems were found within the audit, and it was considered to be a clean audit. Motion to approve the 2017 financial audit was made by Ron Hughes, second by Sandra Blakeney. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Charles Summers signed the oath of office to become a member of the Newton CAD board of directors.

Motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting was made by Ron Hughes, second by Sandra Blakeney. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve the financial statements for January, February, March and April 2018 was made by Sandra Blakeney, second by Ron Hughes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Motion to approve invoices for January, February, March and April 2017 was made by J.C. Avant, second by Ron Hughes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

ARB (Appraisal Review Board) members recommended were: Julie Ortolon, and Mark Karpel. Motion to appoint these recommended people to the ARB was made by J.C. Avant, second by Ron Hughes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Herrin presented the proposed Newton CAD budget for 2019. She stated that a few of the items, such as school, travel, insurance, and retirement would be going up. There is also a proposed \$50,000 credit to go back to the entities. Motion to approve going forward with the proposed budget was made by Sandra Blakeney, second by Charles Summers. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Ms. Herrin stated that at this time the appraisal district has a full staff, as well as 3 employees from the work force. She stated that the CAD lost the law suit with the compressor companies. This law suit has been in process since 2012. Ruling was that the compressors would be taxed where main company is located. There will be several employees going to classes from May 2018 thru December 2018. The office has been rearranged and mapping has been relocated to the front of the appraisal side of the building. The cad has been notified that the maps review was passed. Preliminary rolls went to all the entities on May 1, 2018.


The next meeting was scheduled for August 16, 2018, at 5:45 p.m. for the budget meeting, and 6 p.m. for the regular meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by J.C. Avant, second by Ron Hughes. Motion was approved by unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



J.C. Avant, Chairman



Sandra Blakeney, Secretary