

August 21, 2019

The Montague County Tax Appraisal District Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at 3:35 p.m. in the Montague County Tax Appraisal District Meeting Room.

Tom Jenkins - Secretary declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the June 5, 2019 meeting were presented for consideration. Randy West made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was seconded Bret Meekins and approved by all members present.

Appraisal Review Board Corrections & Supplements (approved by the Appraisal Review Board on June 12, 2019, June 19, 2019 and July 10, 2019) were presented for consideration. A motion to approve the ARB Corrections & Supplements as presented was made by Bret Meekins, seconded by Randy West and approved by all members present.

Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. Map Software Contract for 2020 & 2021 was presented for consideration. A motion to accept the Map Software Contract with Pritchard & Abbott, Inc. for 2020 and 2021 was made by Robert Hensell. Bret Meekins seconded the motion. Motion was approved by all members present.

The 2020 Preliminary Appraisal Budget was presented for consideration. A motion to approve the 2020 Appraisal Budget was made by Bret Meekins, seconded by Robert Hensell and approved by all members present. The 2020 Preliminary Tax Collection Budget was presented for consideration. Bret Meekins made a motion to approve the 2020 Tax Collections Budget. Motion was seconded by Robert Hensell and approved by all members present.

Chief Appraiser – Kim Haralson gave the following report:

Requests for Board of Director nominations are being mailed to the taxing entities.

Recent Legislature has created 93 changes to the Property Tax Code. Employees have attended three trainings on these updates and are scheduled to attend another training in October to be held in Denton.

Sherry Sims retired on July 31.

Kendra McCracken began work on July 15, 2019 and Kristy Phipps began work on August 5, 2019.

Appraisal Review Board hearings are completed. There were 1505 protests filed, 433 were Failure to Appear, 762 were withdrawn, 256 were re-checked & settled, 54 hearings were attended in person or Affidavits of Evidence submitted.

We were served paperwork today on a suit filed by Mid-Coast Gathering - a Pritchard & Abbott account.

The CDM lawsuit tax refunds for tax years 2015, 2016 and 2017 have been mailed. CDM has filed a 25.25C Protest for Tax Year 2014 stating multiple appraisals. Additional information has been requested from CDM – per CAD attorney.

Current Tax Collections are 98%.

Public Comments: None

Randy West made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bret Meekins and approved by all members present.

Secretary

President