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The Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors held a special meeting on Thursday, May 18, 2011 in the Board Room at 201 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, Texas.

SPECIAL MEETING
May 18, 2011

I. Invocation.

The invocation was lead by Jay Reynolds

II. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Board of Directors

III. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

DIRECTORS:

Sandra Billish, Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Ollie Grant, Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Richard Pittman, Vice-Chairman	<u>Absent</u>	Tom Wheat, Legal Counsel	<u>Present</u>
Paul Altheide, Secretary	<u>Present</u>		
John Sendejar	<u>Absent</u>		
David Berlanga	<u>Absent</u>		
Ronnie Canales	<u>Absent</u>		
Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>		
Ed Lopez	<u>Present</u>		

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.** Mrs. Billish, Chairman called the meeting of the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors to order and requested that the record show that a quorum of the Board Members was present; that this meeting has been duly called; and that notice of this meeting had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, TEX. GOV'T CODE § 551, (Vernon Supp. 2009) and that any conflict of interest affidavits had been received and placed on file as required by law.

2. **VISITORS'/AUDIENCE COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS.**

John Johnson, Del Mar College- said he was surprised with the amount of the 2012 Proposed Budget presented. Mr. Johnson said the amount was a little higher than it was in the previous year. Mr. Johnson said he noticed the salary increases in the District's Proposed Budget and said

Del Mar had not issued salary increases since 2008 and did not anticipate any increases until 2013.

Constance Sanchez, City of Corpus Christi, said the City of Corpus Christi was undergoing massive budget cuts. Ms. Sanchez said she noticed the longevity pay that was included in the budget and said the City of Corpus Christi does not have longevity pay. She indicated that they had cut out the longevity pay long ago. Ms. Sanchez also said if there was a fund balance that the Nueces County Appraisal District Board should consider refunding it to the taxing entities.

3. BUDGET WORKSHOP RELATED TO THE 2012 PROPOSED BUDGET.

Mr. Altheide said the Budget Committee had a phone conversation with Mr. Johnson on salary increases and said he also spoke to Mr. Reynolds about a breakdown on exactly what the salary changes were and asked that we make sure there was no longevity pay included. Mr. Altheide said the Budget as it's outlined does not distinguish detail on exact salary changes and should be in line with what the supporting entities are doing. Mr. Altheide said the last audit report was approved at the Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 18th and the current surplus of approximately \$180,000 which would be refunded or credited to the taxing entities. Mr. Salas said the Proposed Budget as submitted to the Board at the last regular meeting was \$6,759,457 or \$225,590 above the current 2011 Adopted Budget which is a 3.45% increase. Mr. Salas said the Proposed Budget board included \$800,000 to complete the major repairs and maintenance items identified by CLK Architects in the comprehensive study of our building. Mr. Salas said if the \$800,000 is deleted from the Proposed Budget, the requested amount would decrease to \$ 5,959,000 or an 8.7% decrease from the current adopted budget.

Mr. Lopez welcomed any comments or questions from the visitors. Mr. Reynolds said we were going to address the elevator, stairwell, egress issues and fire alarm system with current year funding. Mr. Reynolds said the \$800,000 for the 2011 Budget would be totally exhausted. Mr. Reynolds said the requested funding in the 2012 Proposed Budget would address the carpet replacement on 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors including asbestos, abatement and air monitoring during the process, painting, and lighting issues.

Mr. Johnson said Life and Safety issues should be addressed and suggests you look at every line item before addressing the entities. Mr. Johnson also said he compared the 2011 Budget with the 2012 Proposed Budget and noticed the salary increases and said that he disagrees with the salary increases. Mr. Reynolds said the appraisers were on educational requirements which are state required. Mr. Reynolds said at different levels the appraisers attain different pay scales. Ms. Sanchez commented that the City of Corpus also had career ladders and that the last two years the career ladders were frozen and the employees continued to get education but the increases in pay had been suspended.


Mr. Altheide said \$300,000 of expenditures should ideally be moved out of the 2012 budget into the current budget. Mr. Salas said that if this was done it would lower the requested increase in the Proposed Budget to a 1.14% decrease over the present budget. Mr. Altheide said a survey of the salaries should be taken of the other entities and be in line with them. Mr. Altheide also asked if the retirement plan was comparable with the entities. Mrs. Constance Sanchez indicated the

City's contribution to their retirement was a little over 14%. The District's contribution rate is currently 11.44%. Ms. Billish asked that the Board receive a copy of the 2012 Proposed Budget with changes before it was mailed to the taxing entities.

4. **ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion was made by Mr. Altheide to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lopez. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 P.M.

SIGNED:


Sandy Billish, Chairman

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