



Nueces County Appraisal District  
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The Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors held a Budget Hearing Meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 in the Board Room at 201 N. Chaparral, Corpus Christi, Texas.

## REGULAR MEETING

### 1. Invocation

The invocation was led by

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board of Directors

### 3. Roll Call of the Board of Directors

#### DIRECTORS:

John Valls, Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Ramiro Canales, Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Greg Smith, Vice-Chairman	<u>Present</u>	Robert Cenci, Asst. Chief Appraiser	<u>Present</u>
Luis A. Elizondo, Secretary	<u>Absent</u>	Tom Wheat, General Counsel	<u>Present</u>
Robert Adler	<u>Present</u>	Robert Maupin, TLO	<u>Present</u>
Eugene Bouligny	<u>Present</u>		
Jerry Garcia	<u>Present</u>		
Lisa Carter Hunt	<u>Present</u>		
Kevin Kieschnick, Ex-Officio	<u>Absent</u>		
Rex A. Kinnison	<u>Present</u>		

4. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum.** The meeting of the Nueces County Appraisal District Board of Directors will be called to order at 10:30 A.M. and let 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.

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

The board went into item #6 and will come back to item #5 public comment. Mr. Gonzalez taxpayer wanted to protest his property he has not been able to get taxes taken care of as of

❖ Kevin Kieschnick's votes are advisory only

today. Mr. Valls explained to Mr. Gonzalez that the board is not able to engage in a discussion and that Mr. Canales, Chief Appraiser, will meet with him after the meeting and address his concerns.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING RELATED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE NUECES COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT'S PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET**

Mr. Canales went over the Proposed 2017 Budget totals \$7,691,293. This total represents a 14.70% increase in funding when compared to the current adopted 2016 budget. There are no expenses that will be funded by fund balance. This year I am focusing on getting the District's hardware/software updated. We will be investing approximately \$350,000 in hardware/software. This investment will be paid out over five years through capital lease financing at an estimated amount of \$77,500 per year. With this investment the District should be on track for the next seven years. We are also going to continue funding the unfunded liability of the District's retirement at a rate of 12%. We are proposing a Compensation Adjustment to all employees except part-time temporary, Assistant Chief Appraiser, and Chief Appraiser. The total cost of the Compensation Adjustment is \$118,636. Each employee, with the exception of those listed above, will receive an increase of \$1,304. I am proposing an increase of \$630,000 in professional services for the 2017 budget. A portion of this money, \$100,000, will go towards Legal Fees and \$30,000 will go towards Professional Appraisal Services. The increase is due to the high volume of lawsuits that have been filed stemming from value disputes. I am proposing that the District have a Designated Legal Fund in the amount of \$2 million for the litigation of any big dollar amount lawsuit. The fund will be build up over a four year with a budget allocation of \$500,000 every year.

Edith George representing Calallen ISD informed the board that the school superintendent and she agreed that the litigation fund is something the Appraisal District definitely needs. They would like for the board to take it into consideration.

The board will go back to item #5 Public comment.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Public Hearing meeting adjourned AT 10:30 A.M.

SIGNED:



Luis A. Elizondo, Secretary

