

RESOLUTION

Regarding

Emergency Services District No. 1 and the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc.

The Denton County Commissioners Court, Denton County, Texas, during a regular session on the 6th day of December, 2022, considered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Denton County is organized under the constitution of the State of Texas and may provide various services to its residents, including emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services District No. 1 was created with voter approval in 2006; and is a political subdivision of the State of Texas dedicated to providing fire protection, fire prevention education, and emergency medical services in the communities of Argyle, Bartonville, Copper Canyon, Corral City, Northlake, and unincorporated Denton County; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services District No. 1 is governed by a board of five members and is primarily funded by ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, fire service to Denton County and other municipalities is paramount to public safety and property protection; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Services District No. 1 has contracted for services with the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. since its creation; and

WHEREAS, the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. has remained a distinct legal entity within the broader system of Denton County Emergency Services District No. 1 in order to preserve various pre-existing financial arrangements, including maintenance of employee retirement accounts; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2022, the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. fire chief was named in a federal indictment returned by a federal grand jury for multiple federal violations related to misuse and theft of funds from the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. operating and pension funds; and

WHEREAS, Denton County requires transparency regarding the expenditure of public funds to be sure they are spent in accordance with all legal requirements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Denton County Commissioners Court, Denton County, Texas does hereby request swift and decisive action be taken by both boards, the Emergency Services District No. 1 and the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc.:

- To complete the acquisition and transfer of employees of the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. to the governmental entity of the Emergency Services District No. 1 to allow employees to benefit from a public retirement system as the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. has already transferred fire stations and fire equipment to the Emergency Services District No. 1;
- To complete a forensic audit on the operations and finances of both entities; and
- That the Argyle Volunteer Fire District Inc. hereby dissolve as soon as feasibly possible, and that its emergency services responsibilities be absorbed by the Denton County Emergency Services District No. 1.

DONE IN OPEN COURT, this the 6th day of December, 2022, upon motion made by Judge Ezdo and seconded by Comm. Edmondson, and 5 members of the court being present and voting "aye".




RYAN WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 1



BOBBIE J. MITCHELL, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 3



ANDY EADS, COUNTY JUDGE



RON MARCHANT, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 2



DIANNE EDMONDSON, COMMISSIONER
PRECINCT 4

ATTEST:

JULI LUKE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Commissioners' Court of
Denton County, Texas

By: 

