

August 6, 2019

Mr. Chris Brown, Executive Director Ark-Tex Council of Governments 4808 Elizabeth St. Texarkana, TX 75503

Dear Chris,

The Hopkins County Commissioners Court, along with both North Hopkins Volunteer Fire Department and South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department, has made the decision to put the two departments together. The name of the volunteer department will be "North Hopkins – South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department."

Bobby Harris, North Hopkins Fire Chief, will be named Chief of the newly created department. Jim Rich, who is currently South Sulphur Fire Chief, will support this decision. South Sulphur currently has no fire station but it is the goal of the volunteer leadership to build a substation in the western part of the new department as soon as is practicable.

The only change in the maps of the integrated departments will be to remove the boundary lines between the two current departments.

The Commissioners Court as well as the two chiefs believe that this is the best way to provide fire protection to the residents of the north and west portions of Hopkins County.

The Commissioners Court plans to pass a Resolution on Monday, August 12, 2019 regarding this matter and will forward a copy to the Council of Governments next week.

Thank you very much.

Robert Newsom, County Judge Bobby Harris Jim Rich

RESOLUTION

- WHEREAS, On August 12, 2019, the Commissioners' Court of Hopkins County, Texas, met in regular session; and
- WHEREAS, During such session the court considered and approved the joining of two volunteer fire departments - North Hopkins Volunteer Fire Department and South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS, The newly created volunteer department is named North Hopkins-South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS, The court has named Bobby Harris as Fire Chief of the North Hopkins-South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department; and
- WHEREAS, The North Hopkins-South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department will provide fire protection to the residents of the north and west portions of Hopkins County; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that a motion was made, seconded and carried with a majority vote of the court for approval of the joining of the two volunteer fire departments to create the North Hopkins-South Sulphur Volunteer Fire Department.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Hopkins County Commissioners' Court at the regularly

scheduled meeting on the 12th day of August, 2019.

Robert Newsom, Hopkins County Jud

Mickey Barker, Commissioner, Pct. 1

Wade Bartley, Commissioner, Pct.

Greg Anglin, Commissioner, Pct. 2

Joe Price, Commissioner, Pct. 4

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