

UPPER SABINE VALLEY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

iation process begins for Precinct 1 transfer station purchase

meeting, Upper Sabine Val- Management District board approval for Executive Direc- y to negotiate prices for the Precinct 1 transfer station. et to expire next September. lease would be at a high- district could purchase the acre property. s have been offered by the r said. "Long term it's better erty." pproved Motley's suggested 0 in addition to paying for

closing costs and land survey. They also allowed him to spend up to \$60,000 if they don't accept the offer. He believes he'll need a little room for negotiating. Landowners suggested a selling price of \$60,000; however, they told Motley that offers could be accepted. Motley told the owners he would go to the board to discuss negotiations. The Precinct 1 station is located near Yan- tis and it is the only privately held lease of the four precincts, he added. In other business, 2019 Texas County and District Retirement System contribution

rates, which is the district's retirement plan, were approved by the board. "It's offered to our employees as a benefit same as Wood County," Motley said. "The rate is that portion of our contribution to the employee's account." Prior to October of this year, the district was a part of the county's plan, but both parties chose to not renew the annual agree- ment. The employee policy manual was also ap- proved. A list of paid holidays for the fiscal year 2018-2019 was approved. The district chose the same holiday list as Wood Coun-

ty. Also at the meeting, board members then went into executive session to discuss Mot- ley's contract. After the closed session, the board voted to renew the contract for three years. The fiscal year 2017-2018 year-end finan- cial statement for the district was approved as well. In the public comments section, a former district employee John Rupe addressed the board. He asked those in charge to talk to employees one on one. -By ZAK WELLERMAN

ioners approve jail boiler emergency repairs

meeting last week, Wood County commis- ed an emergency expenditure for repairs to m at the jail. patching up the boiler system, which is the m for the jail for the showers and all that," nmissioner Russell Acker said. "It's gone atched it up." e system has an estimated cost of \$60,000. il standards give 48 hours for repairs to be ch doesn't leave the county enough time to tive bids. pected to have more plumbing issues in eeks. A consulting group is conducting an e will to address potential concerns, WELLMAN

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:
Last October, while I was out of state, I received a phone message from Officer Jeremy Smith of the Mineola Police Department advising me of an incident at my home where someone had driven a car through my front yard, causing deep ruts, hitting a newly planted tree and damaging the border around it, and spraying mud across the front of my house. When I returned home a few days later, I learned that Officer Smith had repaired the damage to the tree border as much as possible and had cleaned the mud off the front of the house! In my 73 years, I have lived in six states and more than 20 communities, but never have I seen a community with as much caring as I find in Mineola, and I've never even heard of a police officer going to such lengths to right a wrong. In my opinion, Officer Smith deserves a medal!
Jean Koch, Mineola

Winnsboro man dies in car crash

Jimmie Allen Cooper Jr., 46, of Winnsboro died early Thursday morning from injuries sustained in a one-vehicle wreck in Camp County, the Department of Public Safety reported. At 4:32 a.m., troopers responded to a crash on Texas Hwy. 11, five miles west of the city of Pittsburg in Camp County. A preliminary crash investigation revealed that Cooper had been driving a 2000 Chevrolet Blazer west on Texas Hwy 11 when he failed to negoti- ate a curve and drifted off the north side of the road- way. He over-corrected and veered sharply left, causing the vehicle to go into a side-skid and over- turn. The vehicle left the south side of the roadway and ejected the driver. Cooper was pro- nounced dead at the scene and transported to Erman Smith Funeral Home in Pittsburg. The crash remained un- der investigation at press time.