

**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**November 11, 2021**

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 Headquarters located at 201 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas, for the following purposes.

Commissioners who attended:

Mike Howe            Vicky Linsalata            Mitchell Jones

The following persons were also in attendance:

Howard Katz            Jessica Frazier            Brian Fairbanks            Nick Perkins            Rob Humphrey  
Victor Gonzalez            Mark Moellenberg            Sequina Allen            Tory Thompson

1. THE MEETING *was called to order by President Howe at 4:00 p.m. and the minutes were recorded by mechanical means.* The meeting was held pursuant to a formal Notice of Meeting, which had been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act at the Travis County Clerk’s Office and in the offices of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 Headquarters.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: *No public comment was made.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 14, 2021 REGULAR MEETING ;
4. APPROVE A FY 22 BUDGET AMENDMENT;

*A MOTION was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the Consent Agenda, Commissioner Linsalata made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*

**REPORTS**

5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES; *Commissioner Jones reported we recently had the elections and we have seen the response. He believes that the District could of benefit from having Emergency Services District No. 17 as a provider. He is pleased that the community was given the opportunity to vote. Commissioners Howe and Linsalata agreed with his statement.*
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION; *Commissioner Jones asked Director Frazier to provide a budget status. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the Treasurer’s report, Commissioner Linsalata made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*

7. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT’S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING CONTRACT ISSUES, AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS TO INCLUDE THE CASE OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, ET AL. V. TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17, ET. AL, AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY; *Mr. Katz reported that we have the final draft of the interlocal agreement for Emergency Services District No. 2 to provide EMS services for the District. He commented on the recent election and the lawsuit is still pending. There are no other contract matters. The City of Pflugerville met and approved the contract with Acadian Ambulance. The contract included all areas of the City of Pflugerville area and its ETJ. Emergency Service District No. 17 and the County will be addressing the ETJ coverage. Chief Perkins reported it appears that the City of Pflugerville is trying to extend the service to the ETJ; He stated, “we believe the County would have something to say about this decision. We have been given some indication that the County would like a contract with another provider. We were in a staffing shortage now with a smaller area to service that brings us a lot closer to the number of employees we needed, and it might reduce our response times.” The District is working with the County to bring services to the far east part of the County that is currently being underserved. Chief Perkins reported that Acadian is known for long response times. This affects the District deployment because we will be sitting on the scenes waiting for the ambulance. The City of Pflugerville has adopted an ordinance that prevents us from giving first response. Chief Perkins has reached out to the City for clarity and has not received any response. The District is working on EMS billing. The District is going to have an advantage in minimizing billing. There is more information to come.*

#### DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Commissioner Linsalata wanted to know what station is just outside the City of Pflugerville. Chief Perkins answered it is Station 5 and Station 2 which can house two ambulances which will provide time saving just in case we have were deployed on two calls at the same time. We are still trying to evaluate all the information. Commissioner Howe asked about the red dot near Northtown, “are you thinking about putting a station in this area?” Chief Perkins stated this depends on if we’re going to provide service to the ETJ. If we do not end up providing services in the area then the District will evaluate a location over near the Dessau area. Mr. Katz stated the agreement begins January 1, 2022 on a fiscal year renewal. The agreement automatically renews every year for the next 5 years unless one of the parties declines the renewal. There are provisions for a termination of the agreement. Commissioner Howe reported that the cost is \$1,116,254.00 which is less then what the budget that the board approved. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Jones to approve the interlocal agreement, Commissioner Linsalata made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*

9. THE DISTRICT NOVEMBER 2, 2021 ANNEXATION ELECTIONS:

TO CANVASS THE RESULTS OF THE DISTRICT’S ANNEXATION ELECTIONS HELD ON NOVEMBER 2,2021 AND ENTER SUCH ORDERS AND TALKE SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY ON THE MATTER;

*Howard Katz presented the canvass order and the results of the elections. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Linsalata to approve the canvass and the order approving the results, Commissioner Jones made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried*

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Rob Humphrey  
Board Recorder