

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, June 9, 2022 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 Sequina Allen

1. THE MEETING *was called to order by President Howe at 4:02 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 MAY 12,2022 REGULAR MEETING;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR JUNE 2022; *Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the minutes and the items were approved unanimously.*

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES; *No reports was given*
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION; *Jessica Frazier shared the next focus is on the budget and tax rates. President Howe moved and commissioner Jones seconded to approve the Treasury report. The report was approved unanimously.*
7. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FIRE CHIEF REGARDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OPERATIONS, RESPONSE TIMES, CALL VOLUME, TRAINING, MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL; *Chief Perkins shared they are monitoring the Covid situation and commented that Monkeypox has made it way to Texas, but the risk to the public is low. The city of Pflugerville is working with ESD 2, but negotiations are stalled. There is a request for ESD 2 to provide service for 90 days to help the city meet the deadline with current provider for a total of \$150,000 starting July 1st. Station 6 has a backhoe. Work on Temporary stations 7 and 8 are ongoing*

with the goal to deploy from the stations by the end of the summer. He shared they have entered collective bargaining with the Labor Association discussing wages and working conditions. He shared there is a 100% finish rate for the physical certificate and they are currently ahead of the attrition rate. Chief Perkins discussed the response and data available on their website, including GIS systems.

8. 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; *Howard Katz shared that they are waiting for the appellate court to finish the case. The district hasn't received an opinion but they should have word on an audited opinion for the next meeting..*

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE TAX AND BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 2022, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Howard Katz shared they have received preliminary evaluations and will be certified by August. Jessica Frazier added that an election will need to be called if there is a potential to adopt a tax rate above the statutory no new revenue tax rate. Howard Katz added this the no new revenue tax rate is essentially the tax rate that will bring in the same amount of tax revenue as the prior year on the same taxable properties, and any rate higher would trigger an election. Mr. Katz and Finance Director Jessica. Frazier said the Board should plan for special meetings leading up to approval of the budget and tax rate adoption. this item. He discussed their locations and told suggested the commissioners to consider meeting for public hearings in a location area inside the district. President Howe shared they need to determine the schedules and see when the community center is available. Jessica Frazier shared it is preferable to have a public hearing during a regular meeting. Public hearings must be in the boundaries of ESD 17. Commissioner Jones asked if the tax rate increase is something to plan for. Howard Katz replied that they should plan on the increase even if the Board does not end up increasing the rate.*
10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CONTRACT FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR ESD NO. 17 AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Jessica Frazer shared that the Audit was a one-and-done with ESD 2 and introduced the proposal for a 5-year contract with the firm. President Howe shared this is a fair fee schedule. President Howe moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the contract. The contract was approved unanimously.
11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY ESD NO. 2 REVISED EMS BILLING RATES AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Chief Perkins shared they are in a holding pattern and do not have an item to take action as yet and can expect to receive information in the next few months. Howard Katz is preparing a draft of ta contract agreement amendment for the safe harbor provision. The board agreed to table this item until more information is provided.*

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder