

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JULY 14, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, July 14, 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 who attended via Zoom:

Howard Katz

The following persons were also in attendance:

Victor Gonzalez Jessica Frazier Brian Fairbanks Nick Perkins Sequina Allen

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 JUNE, 2022 REGULAR MEETING;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR JULY 2022; *Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Howe 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 discussed revenue updates and discussed the tax repayment and cash flow projections of their largest expenses. She noted they will have enough cash to get through the year, along with a cash flow property tax addition. She did not foresee unanticipated legal fees and does not think they will need to do a short-term loan.*
No action was taken.

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 gave an update on recent wildfires and shared they held a joint task force. He warned the community about the drought and how it is a fire risk. He noted they are outpacing 2011 incidents. They are deep in the budget planning conference and are still using the temporary buildings for Stations 7 & 8 and are waiting on remaining utility installations. The goal is to have these completely operational by September. He stressed the importance of deploying from Station 8. July 21st is the Cadet Graduation Date. There are 400 applications for the next class. Planning conference will start July 22nd. Lastly, he shared updates on the city of Pflugerville ambulances and he will begin providing updates next week.

Commissioner Linsalata congratulated Chief Perkins on the Cadet Graduation classes.

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;
Mr. Katz shared there is no opinion from the Appellate yet as of the meeting. The Court has not requested their arguments. They are waiting for a written opinion.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE TAX AND BUDGET PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 2022, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Jessica Frazier shared they will discussed the majority of these items at the Planning conference next week. Next, she shared an update from the appraisal and will be receiving their appraisal by the 25th. Their scheduled meeting is August 8th and will learn their no-new revenue rate and new voter approval rate. If they need a public hearing, it will be in ESD 17.

Howard Katz shared that as long August 8th hearing, it can be held in their locations. If there is a public hearing, it needs to be held elsewhere. He is curious as to how the tax and voter approval rate is affected regarding ESD 17. Jessica Frazer shared that she completed the form for calculated rate. Commissioner Linsalata asked if the tax revenues will be on the ESD 17 website. Feedback can be sent electronically. Howard Katz shared that the absolute dates for tax reduction is September 8th.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to adopt the tax and budget planning calendar for 2022.

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING PROPOSED TRAVIS COUNTY ESD NO. 2 REVISED EMS BILLING RATES AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Chief Perkins is waiting on legal counsel for an update on ESD 2. Howard Katz shared they might be adding more parts to their service agreement regarding billing. This can be examined at the next meeting.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder