

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, August 8, 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:

Victor Gonzalez Jessica Frazier Brian Fairbanks Nick Perkins Sequina Allen

Howard Katz

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 JULY 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING AND JULY 22-23 WORK SESSION MINUTES;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2022; *Commissioner Jones moved, and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed 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 balances for the past month and shared the tax participation notice is due September 2nd. Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion passed 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 reported on updates from Station 8, and shared they are deploying from the bus barn for Medic and Squad 281 starting on August 1st. They are still working on the power options at Station 7. He discussed the ILA agreement and the county's perspective on EMS billing. He shared that the district remains heavily engaged in wildfire prevention. He shared there were 2 large fires near an apartment complex and discussed fire safety.*

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 there is no update from the ESD 17 litigation counsel and no opinion from the appellate court as of yet.*

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Jessica Frazier discussed the reserves for \$50,000 and tax rate for \$.0245/\$100 for evaluation. She requested to wait until the next meeting for the approval. They do not yet have their final evaluation numbers. She shared the no new revenue rate is \$.0372/\$100 and voter approval rate is .0385/\$100 that gives the 3.5% rate of additional revenue and discussed the 2021 average rate.*

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION REGARDING THE 2022 TAX RATE, INCLUDING:
 - ESTABLISHING THE PROPOSED TAX RATE BY TAKING A RECORD VOTE;
 - SCHEDULING ANY REQUIRED PUBLIC HEARING AND A MEETING TO VOTE TO ADOPT TAX RATE;
 - AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF ANY REQUIRED "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE" IN THE PFLUGERVILLE PFLAG; AND
 - ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE POSTING OF TAX RATE NOTICE AND ANY REQUIRED "NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE" TO THE HOMEPAGE OF THE DISTRICT WEBSITE;

Chief Perkins shared that the elimination of direct patient billing will be a great benefit to ESD 17. Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to establish the proposed tax rate at 0\$.0245/\$100. A roll call vote was recorded:

Commissioner Howe: Yes

Commissioner Jones: Yes

Commissioner Linsalata: Yes

The motion was approved.

Ms. Frazier noted that public hearings were not required because the proposed tax rate was less than both the de minimis rate and public-approval rate. The meeting to set the tax rate will be posted for the September meeting. Following inquiring g from Mr. Katz, Ms. Frazier confirmed that the County Tax Office and ESD 17 admin staff will coordinate and publish the required notices.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the September 8th Regular Meeting as the tax rate adoption publish date. The motion passed unanimously.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder