

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**NOVEMBER 10, 2022**

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, November 10, 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 OCTOBER 13, 2022 REGULAR MEETING;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2022;*Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the consent items. The motion was passed unanimously.*

**REPORTS**

5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;. *No reports was given*
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;  
*Ms. Frazier noted that there is no property tax revenue yet as the bills have not been sent out due to the recent tax rate elections held by other jurisdictions. The tax office will likely will likely send the tax bills out late November. Current cash balance is 112,000 with bills at 95,000. The invoice from ESD 2 is due December 1*  
*Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the treasurer’s report.*

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 noted they are focusing on respiratory illnesses among the pediatric units. They are working on implementing new programs. They are still monitoring impacts but are maintaining operations. They are operating out of Station 7 and Cameron Road and are deployed correctly. In terms of ALS service. They are thinking of making the [stand??] ambulance 24 hours and will analyze the impact. Another cadet class has begun. Chief Perkins also shared that there is a petition to reduce sales tax for ESD 2 and noted it would be devastating on ESD 2's ability to continue the current level of service. More information on this topic is forthcoming next month.*

*Action: President Howe asked for a small report of potential impacts of a reduced sale tax rate in order to have a clear assessment for the next meeting.*

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 discussed briefly addressed the reduced sales tax implications on ESD 2's service to ESD 17. He said that all of the ESD 2 registered voters would vote on the proposition not only Pflugerville voters. He also deferred to ESD 2's counsel on the matter, but noted the wording in the address for proportional jurisdiction, and that they can only have a maximum of 2% sales tax. In regards to the election case, we are still waiting from the court of appeals. He noted this is not a high urgency case for the appellate court that would apply to something like a criminal case or constitutional.*

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BETWEEN ESD2 AND ESD17; *Howard Katz discussed the provision of not billing ESD 17 residents for unpaid ambulance billing after patient deductibles and co-pay. He said he and ESD 2's counsel agreed on the amendment language that was very close to a safe harbor provision that would allow the policy without violating the federal Medicare/Medicaid antikickback provision. Howard Katz noted that the ESD 2 billing policy will track the language. He noted ESD 17 is provided a subsidy by not pursuing cost responsibility and co-pay.*

*President Howe asked if ESD 2 had come up with the language. The Chief said ESD 2 was working on the policy language*

*Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the amendment to the interlocal agreements for emergency medical services between ESD 2 and ESD 17.*

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.  
The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 08, 2022.

Respectfully Submitted By:  
Sequina Allen  
Board Recorder