

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023, 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 via Zoom: Jessica Frazier

The following persons were also in attendance:

Mark Moellenberg Howard Katz 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.

A. Howard Katz administered the oaths of office to recently re-appointed commissioners Mike Howe, Mitchell Jones, and Vicky Linsalata. Mr. Howe noted that Commissioner’s Court also appointed Charles Pleasant and Angela Orth to one-year terms as ESD commissioners. Mr. Howe said Charles Pleasant and Angela Orth will be sworn in at the next District meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CONSENT ITEMS

3. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 12, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR MARCH 2023; *Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the consent items. The motion was approved unanimously.*

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;
President Howe shared that the safety conference went well..
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;
Ms. Frazier said tax revenue is coming in and Ms. Frazier discussed the opening of another savings account. 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 shared that the Medic 251 Pflugerville Loop will be transitioning to a 24-hour staffing unit. They believe moving to 24-hour staffing will improve response time. The main problem is in alarm handling time at the dispatching center. He discussed the winter storm and noted they fared well based on preparations already in place. There were no fleet accidents and were able to continue normal operations. They are participating in a series of meetings in Travis County Emergency management and have a \$50,000 overtime cost. They will be travelling to the Capitol for a safety conference on the 21st. On Feb 23rd, Dan Berger will be speaking with the Neighborhood Association for ESD 2 updates and the Special Interest Group and discuss the impact. In March, they will be attending a MUD meeting at Wells Branch and Northtown. The April monthly meeting has been moved from the April 13th to the April 6th at 4:00pm.
Commissioner Jones asked if there is an issue with fentanyl in the area. Chief Perkins shared that they look at overdoses in three categories (opiates, alcohol, and poisonings). They run about 3-4 a month in the entire district and this is watched closely. Chief Perkins shared it exists in the community, but is at low levels and is monitored.
They will send a notice for the 6pm Feb 23rd meeting and meet as a quorum.*

Chief Perkins shared they had been contacted by a lawyer because the Commissioners denied a petition, but they have not filed suit as of yet.
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 has not new report as the Court of Appeals has still not yet issued a ruling.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 9,2023.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder