

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

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 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:

Vicky Linsalata          Mitchell Jones          Angela Orth          Charles Pleasant

Commissioners who attended via Zoom:

Mike Howe

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins          Jessica Frazier          Victor Gonzalez          Howard Katz          Sequina Allen  
Amanda Bartlett

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY VICE PRESIDENT JONES 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 TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED 2023 TAX RATE**

2. Addressed public testimony on the proposed 2023 District ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0230/\$100.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

3. PUBLIC COMMENT: *NO PUBLIC COMMENT WAS MADE.*

**CONSENT ITEMS**

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE AUGUST 10, 2023, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES; Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Pleasant seconded to approve the Aug 10 minutes.

**REPORTS**

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES; No Reports
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;
7. *Ms. Frazier discussed adjustments and the Oct-Nov budget.  
Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.*
  
8. 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 discussed EMS operations and difficulties with the City of Austin's call dispatch routing. He noted that sometimes call priorities change once EMS operators arrive on the scene.*  
  
*Chief Perkins discussed the third class of 49 cadets and noted they are gaining strides in diversity. He discussed the 9/11 Staircase climb. He discussed the presentation of Allegiance at the City Council meeting, and noted a Council member confronted Allegiance about a patient's death and noted they expressed their concerns on the Allegiance agreement.*  
  
*Commissioner Howe expressed his disdain for when Allegiance noted they had no comment when confronted about the patient's death.*
  
9. 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 reported the case will be taken up by the Court of Appeals on submission on Sept 21. The judge Court panel will consider the case based on the paperwork and written argument sent to the Court of Appeals, which could result in a ruling within a month.*  
*Commissioner Howe asked if there could be at a resolution for this by the end of September. Mr. Katz replied that the ruling could affirm the order of dismissal of the trial court trial, or determine that the case is moot and/or issue an (advisory opinion) or the Court of Appeals could reverse the order of dismissal of the trial court and remand the case back to the trial court. There could be an update by the next meeting.*

#### ACTION ITEMS

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;  
*Commissioner Jones discussed the operating budget and showcased the resolution, adopted 13 September, 2023.  
Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to adopt the budget as presented by Ms. Frazier.*

*Commissioner Jones: Aye*

*Commissioner Linsalata: Aye*

*Commissioner Orth: Aye*

*Commissioner Pleasant: Aye*

*Commissioner Howe: Aye*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

11. DISCUSS A RECORD VOTE ON THE DISTRICT'S 2023 TAX RATE, INCLUDING:

- ADOPTING AN ORDER LEVYING TAXES;
- AUTHORIZING FILING THE ORDER WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR/COLLECTOR;
- AUTHORIZE POSTING OF STATEMENT REGARDING THE ADOPTED 2023 TAX RATE TO HOME PAGE OF DISTRICT WEBSITE;

*Commissioner Jones discussed the total appraised and assessed value of property in Travis County ESD 17 to meet the ESD 17's operating budget. He gave an overview of each section.*

*Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Pleasant seconded to approve the a 2023 ESD 17 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0230/\$100, with the following record vote:*

*Commissioner Jones: Aye*

*Commissioner Linsalata: Aye*

*Commissioner Orth: Aye*

*Commissioner Pleasant: Aye*

*Commissioner Howe: Aye*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the Order imposing a 2023 ESD 17 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0230/\$100, and filing the Order with the Travis County tax assessor/collector*

*Commissioner Jones: Aye*

*Commissioner Linsalata: Aye*

*Commissioner Orth: Aye*

*Commissioner Pleasant: Aye*

*Commissioner Howe: Aye*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve posting to the ESD 17 website home page the required Statement regarding the 2023 ESD 17 ad valorem tax rate of \$0.0230/\$100.*

The motion passed unanimously.

Vice President Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen

Board Recorder