

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, April 6, 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 Charles Pleasant Angela Orth

The following persons were also in attendance:

AJ Stacer 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 MARCH 6, 2023 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR MAY 2023;
MOTION: Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;
Commissioner Howe and Chief Perkins reported on a bill filed in the Texas Legislature about elected ESD commissioner

6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;
Ms. Frazier shared they are waiting on a draft audit. The final document will be available at the next board meeting.
Mr. Katz discussed the threat to ESD 2 sales tax and ESD 17's tax rate and revenue. He noted they should think about protecting the tax rate which could potentially involve tax rate public hearings and possibly an election.
Ms. Frazier noted that there is some remaining tax rate ceiling because of the lower tax rate the District set last year that could enable a slightly higher tax rate without triggering hearings. Ms. Frazier shared there will be an estimate of the tax rates coming soon. They will receive a preliminary evaluation in April, and certified in May, which will trigger the activity.
MOTION: Commissioner Linsalata moved and Commissioner Pleasant 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 discussed the demographic report from Central Health. It determines where resources such as fire trucks are allocated and underserved communities. This report helped them to determine Station 8's location. This report also looks at access to healthcare. Chief Perkins also discussed current deployments and discussed needing a third ambulance.

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 said the city's appeal is still pending with the appellate court. He also requested an executive session on litigation matters. This item will be discussed in executive session.

9. EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION: THE BOARD MAY RETIRE TO CLOSED SESSION ANY TIME AFTER THE MEETING OPENS AND PRIOR TO ADJOURNMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.071 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE TO SEEK THE ATTORNEY'S ADVICE ABOUT PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION, OR ON MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE CONFIDENTIALITY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS. ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IN OPEN SESSION:
 (I) CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-21-003845; DISTRICT COURT, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, 200TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT; THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE, ET AL V. TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

ACTION ITEMS

10. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

President Howe discussed the various roles and wished to remain president. Mr. Jones said he is currently treasurer and would like to be considered for the VP position now that there is a full 5-member board. Commissioner Linsalata shared she is currently secretary and can remain secretary. Mr. Katz noted the roles can be combined, and can have assistants for each.

Commissioner Howe – President

Commissioner Jones – Vice President

Commissioner Linsalata - Secretary

Commissioner Orth – Treasurer

Commissioner Pleasant – Assistant Secretary/Assistant Treasurer

*MOTION : Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the slate of candidates.
The motion passed unanimously.*

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder