

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 14, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024, 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

Charles Pleasant

Mitchell Jones

Angela Orth

The following persons were also in attendance via Zoom: Howard Katz

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins

Jessica Frazier

Sequina Allen

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT ITEMS

2. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING;
3. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2024; *Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.*

REPORTS

4. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES;

No report.

5. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;

Ms. Frazier gave an overview of the October balance sheet and remarked on the supplemental reserves at 1.2 million. She noted they haven't received all the revenue yet, but it will increase as the rest of the year goes on. She noted the final tax levy amount and a letter from the Travis County appraisal team. Chief Perkins added that they are working with a group with the University of Texas on best practices in litigation and cash reserves. Commissioner Howe added that they had made their budget in response to the election threat, which may augment District reserves. Ms. Frazier also noted that the \$275,000 litigation settlement had been received. Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the Treasurer's report.

6. 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 added that they had been focused on the election and are looking forward to being reengaged with their normal jobs. He discussed the commissioner's turnout at the court to present what the ESDs do in Travis County. They discussed the Travis County Wildfire prevention plan document, and the Wells branch has asked for a larger presentation. He noted that there is a legislative planning meeting through safety SAFE-D at the Capitol to protect what ESDs do across the state. They are planning their annual recognition ceremony, which is typically the last Friday in January or early February. Commissioner Howe discussed the issue of a pediatric patient run over by another vehicle.

7. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING CONTRACT ISSUES, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, AND OTHER DISTRICT LEGAL MATTERS;

Mr. Katz stated the payment has been received, which was great to hear, and noted that the department was working on reappointments for Mike Howe, Vicki Linsalata and Mitchell Jones. Chief Perkins added that they want Commissioners to appear in court for reappointments in order to recognize the responsibility in what they do. Commissioner Howe believed it was a good idea. Mr. Katz noted congratulated the Department on the successful prevention on the attack of ESD2's sales tax.

ACTION ITEMS

8. DISCUSS REQUIRED TRAINING HOURS FOR COMMISSIONERS;

Mr. Pleasant noted he needs to pick up his hours and is able to attend the Safe-D conference.

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL SAFE-D CONFERENCE, SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 6-8, 2025, AT THE KALAHARI CONVENTION CENTER IN ROUND ROCK;

Information is forthcoming about this event. Mr. Perkins added that Thursday is supposed to be more of a useful day than just arrival day.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2024

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen

Board Recorder