

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, April 11, 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:

Vicky Linsalata Mitchell Jones Charles Pleasant Angela Orth

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins Jessica Frazier Amanda Bartlett Brian Fairbanks AJ Stacer

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 COMMENT

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

CONSENT ITEMS

3. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2024 REGULAR MEETING;
4. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR MAY 2024;
Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Pleasant seconded to approve the consent items. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES; *No Reports*
6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;
Ms. Frazier noted they have received 95% of property tax revenue and discussed revenue accruing in their savings accounts.
Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Linsalata 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 they had an uneventful eclipse and noted recent requests, sharing they were prepared for the event. He discussed a recent fire fatality in a limited fire code building in a high-risk area. They are studying the fire to gather as much information as possible and learn how to prevent more. The Fire Marshall's office is investigating the matter and arson is not suspected.

The City of Pflugerville has reached out that their contract with a private ambulance contract is up at the end of June, The company needs a minimum of \$100,000 with a reduction to 3 ambulances if they stay. They will need to pay more for the 4th and more for a 5th ambulance. Currently, they are negotiating a million-dollar contract with access to the hospitals. He emphasized they would not be lowering services to Travis County or ESD 17 but would be adding at least 2 more ambulances. At a city council meeting, they discussed ambulance response times and discussed times involving the contracting company, City of Pflugerville, and the City of Austin. He discussed call volume, paramedic deployment and compared the systems. The action that was given to the staff from the council was to negotiate with ESD 2. He noted that it is best to work together to achieve high quality service.

Commissioner hoped the city makes the right decision, so the district receives quality service.

Chief Perkins shared they heard the complete acknowledgement of the problem with Austin EMS call response times and noted they are moving to a solution.

Commissioner Linsalata asked if a solution would still require them to have an extra call center. Chief Perkins added that they haven't found a solution but are updating an ILA.

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 had no updates. He shared they will discuss matters in a short executive session.

ACTION ITEMS

9. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACCEPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTIONS;

Jimmy Romell discussed the media audit report and a letter of governance communication for the audit process. He discussed the results to their general fund with assets and cash balances and noted a positive budget variance of just over \$163,000. He discussed their FDIC insured or property collateralized cash balances. He noted they had no difficulties with the audit.

Mr. Katz shared a comment on wording about a lawsuit that was on appeal, and suggested they tweak the language that it was a singular lawsuit so it will not mislead readers and not affect the report. He also suggested putting a footnote that the appeal was dismissed.

Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Pleasant seconded that the audit report is modified to their situation, it will be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into Executive session at 4:28 p.m.
The Board left Executive session at 4:49 p.m.

No action was taken.

Vice President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder