

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, October 10, 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

Anthony Nguyen

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: Anthony Nguyen discussed the sales tax issue with ESD 2.

CONSENT ITEMS

2. APPROVE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2024 REGULAR MEETING;
3. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2024;
Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Pleasant 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 discussed the financial report for FY25. She noted the audit begins after Thanksgiving. A new financial software has been launched.*
Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Jones seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion passed unanimously.
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 noted the response times are improving and they are working with Austin EMS. The ILA with Travis County has been signed. He added that there is an IV bag shortage.
Commissioner Howe added that there was an issue at the Constable's office. Chief Perkins said he explained to the parties how they are legally able to educate, but not interfere in politics.
7. 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 will discuss Item 7(i) in the executive session.

ACTION ITEMS

8. APPROVE COST INCREASE AMENDMENT TO ILA BETWEEN ESD2 AND ESD17 FOR ALS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Mr. Katz discussed the agreements between ESD 17 and ESD 2, and the amendments. He presented the Third Amendment for EMS containing a revision to the payment amount by ESD 17 to ESD 2 for EMS, and the Second Amendment for Administrative and Bookkeeping services containing a revision to the payment amount.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Linsalata seconded to approve the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.
9. REVIEW AND TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION REVISING THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONER COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY PURSUANT TO SECTION 775.038, TEXAS HEALTH & SAFETY CODE AND SECTION 49.060 , WATER CODE, TO SET THE COMMISSIONER PER DIEM AT \$221.00 PER DAY AND ANNUAL MAXIMUM COMPENSATION AT \$7,200.00 AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;
Mr. Katz discussed the changes, noting ESD Commissioner compensation is now covered under Section 24, Article III, Texas Constitution and provides ESD Commissioners are paid the same amount per diem as set by the Texas Ethics Commission for state legislators are paid.
Commissioner Howe shared that he takes his from ESD 2.
Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Katz noted that they are now tied to the Texas state legislature.

The Board moved into Executive Session at 4:23.

The Board resumed General meeting at 4:53 pm.

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to accept the settlement payment from the City of Pflugerville of \$275,000.00 to cover the District's attorney's fees in the unnecessary lawsuit the city brought to interfere with the District annexation election, and even after the city lost in court and after the election continued and even appealed the lawsuit. The motion passed unanimously

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 14th, 2024

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen

Board Recorder