

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 17

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 09, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 17 held a meeting on Thursday, January 9, 2025, 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

Charles Pleasant

Mitchell Jones

Vicky Linsalata

Angela Orth

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

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins

Jessica Frazier

AJ Stacer

Amanda Bartlett

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 December 12, 2024 REGULAR MEETING;
3. APPROVE INVOICE PAYMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2025;

Commissioner Orth moved and Commissioner Jones 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 noted that they are transitioning to the new financial system which requires more work. She discussed working with the ESD and the upcoming audits, due June 1st. It would show up in March at the earliest. She discussed property tax payments that are due by January 31st.
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 discussed closing out 13,736 incidents during calendar year, which is about a 5.5% increase from last year. He discussed getting increased capacity for accidents in the future. He discussed supplemental funding and issues with Medicaid expansion and the supplement program. He noted they received under \$200,000 for that program. He discussed the future legislation session and had no updates on the county's RFP.
Commissioner Howe asked how many ambulances they need to keep in reserve. Chief Perkins shared they need an ambulance in reserve to cover when a front line ambulance is in for maintenance.

7. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING CONTRACT ISSUES, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, AND OTHER DISTRICT LEGAL MATTERS;
No report for contract matters, but Mr. Katz reported that some bills have been filed with an increase of revenue for volunteer fire departments. He also said the Pflugerville city council is proposing a bill to require municipal consent for ESD annexation and elected ESD boards, and the Hutto city council is proposing a bill to require ESDs to have to share sales tax with cities.

8. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY REVIEW AND TAKING ANY RELATED ACTIONS;
Mr. Katz shared that the policy is the same as in 2024. He said the Board must review the investment strategy each year. Mr. Katz said the strategy reads the same as last year: Investments should be managed to meet expected liabilities, with a liquidity buffer for unexpected liabilities of approximately six (6) months of expenses. A balance equal to three (3) months of expenses must be kept liquid at all times. Ms. Frazier noted that the FDIC would cover the \$250,000 amount. She noted that everything is 100% liquid at the moment.. Mr. Katz noted that there could be some legislative actions that would eliminate diversity of investment pools by requiring all pooled funds to be held by the Texas Comptroller .

Commissioner Jones moved and Commissioner Orth seconded to approve the policy and the investment strategy. The motion passed unanimously.

President Howe adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2025

Respectfully Submitted By:
Sequina Allen
Board Recorder