

**TRAVIS COUNTY**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2**

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 30, 2020**

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The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 held a special meeting on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 Headquarters located at 201 East Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas, for the following purposes.

Commissioners who attended via video conference:

Mike Bessner                      Mike Howe                      Robert Turner                      April Griffin                      Rico Reyes

The following persons were also in attendance via video conference:

Ron Moellenberg                      Nick Perkins                      John Carlton                      Jessica Frazier                      Victor Gonzalez  
Rob Humphrey                      Cliff Avery                      Dan Berger                      Josh Stubblefield

1. THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Bessner at 6:00 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. 2 Headquarters.
2. Public Comment: *There was no public comment; no action was taken on this item.*

**DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DISTRICT RELATED TO FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTIONS, INCLUDING PROJECTED GROWTH IN REVENUE, POPULATION, SERVICE DEMAND, AND IMPACT ON RESPONSE TIMES AND PROVISION OF SERVICE; *The Fire Chief introduced four different financial options the District can take in the future. Commissioner Howe and Commissioner Griffin discussed their thoughts on the options and stated their main concern is maintaining or improving service delivery. For this reason, they are both in support of option four – an overlay district. Union President, Josh Stubblefield, stated the Union is prepared to move forward with a petition in support of an overlay district and plan to do so quickly to meet an October deadline. Attorney Carlton reiterated to the Board that they are not in control of the overlay and encouraged them to understand and be able to articulate the pros and cons for all four options presented to them so they can educate the public. The Board subcommittee will suggest assignments of local and county officials for the Commissioners to engage with and educate.*
4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE DISTRICT FY2021 BUDGET, 2020 TAX RATE NOTICE, AND POTENTIAL 2020 TAX RATE, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *The Fire Chief reviewed the tax rates and made a recommendation that the Board propose a ten cent rate and does not recommend utilizing a disaster declaration to allow for a revenue increase of 8% . Commissioner Reyes asked the Fire Chief why he does not recommend utilizing the disaster declaration. The Fire Chief stated that with the State constitutional limit of ten cents, there is no need to utilize the disaster declaration; it would be over the constitutional limit. No action was taken; the adoption of a proposed tax rate is scheduled for the August 13, 2020 regular meeting.*

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING THE FINANCING FOR NEW FIRE ENGINE APPARATUS AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *The Fire Chief the terms of the financing agreement. Commissioner Howe asked when the apparatus would be delivered. The Assistant Fire Chief stated it typically takes 9 to 12 months. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Howe, Commissioner Reyes made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*
  
6. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE CARES ACT AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *The City of Pflugerville would potentially provide the District with \$150,000 towards COVID-19 related expenses through this agreement. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Howe, Commissioner Griffin made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*

President Bessner adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.  
The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rob Humphrey, Board Recorder