

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES September 24, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 held a meeting on Thursday, September 24, 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 April Griffin Rico Reyes

Commissioner(s) absent: Robert Turner

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

1. THE MEETING was called to order by President 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 on September 21, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
2. Public Comment: *There was no public comment; no action was taken on this item.*

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

3. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE DISTRICT'S WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; The Fire Chief reported that *due to an increase in the cost of the annual premium, the District recommends switching workers' compensation insurance carriers to Benchmark 7710. The District's current provider, Texas Mutual, presented a premium increase of over 62%. The recommended provider has limited the premium increase to 15% over last year. The premium increase is mainly due to legislation enacted in the 2019 Texas Legislative Session that presumed firefighter cancer is job related. An added benefit to using Benchmark 7710 is that we do not have to use in-network physicians. Commissioner Griffin asked if there is a way to negotiate a multi-year plan to control annual costs. The Fire Chief stated the Staff would research and get an answer. A MOTION was made by Commissioner Howe to approve the Benchmark 7710 contract, Commissioner Reyes made a SECOND to the motion; the motion carried.*
4. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER PREPARATIONS FOR THE JOINT SESSION WITH THE PFLUGERVILLE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *The Commissioners all offered their input on topics they thought were important to highlight and things to avoid in the meeting with the Pflugerville City Council. Assistant Chief Perkins reviewed a slide presentation that offered insight to the some of the statistics and took the Commissioners feedback to adjust the presentation prepared for the meeting. No action was taken on this item.*

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DISTRICT RELATED TO FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTIONS, INCLUDING:
 - a. REVIEWING PROJECTED GROWTH IN REVENUE, POPULATION, SERVICE DEMAND, AND IMPACT ON RESPONSE TIMES AND PROVISION OF SERVICE,
 - b. PRESENTING REPORTS BY THE COMMISSIONERS CONCERNING COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS AND RELATIONS, *Commissioner Reyes reported he had a great discussion with County Commissioner Travillion. President Bessner and Commissioner Turner met with County Commissioner Bridgett Shay, they ran out of time so further follow up is needed. Commissioner Howe mentioned the Wells Branch Municipal Utility District is preparing a resolution in support of the District finding a solution to the funding issues.*
 - c. AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *No action was taken on this item.*

6. ADJOURN THE MEETING. *President Bessner adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.*

The next Board meeting is a Special Meeting, jointly with the Pflugerville City Council and is scheduled for September 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rob Humphrey, Board Recorder