

TRAVIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 12, 2022

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 held a meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022 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:

Mike Bessner Mike Howe Robert Turner

Commissioners who attended via Zoom: Rico Reyes

The following persons were also in attendance:

Rob Humphrey Nick Perkins Sequina Allen Brian Fairbanks John Carlton
Mark Moellenberg Jim McDonald AJ Stacer Victor Gonzalez Jessica Frazier

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, in the offices of the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 Headquarters, and on the District's website at <https://www.pflugervillefire.org/board-of-commissioners-agenda/>.

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. PUBLIC COMMENT: *No public Comment*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

3. CELEBRATE SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF PERSONNEL FOR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE. .
Special Recognition Letter from PETA to the District
Certificate of Commendation - Commissioner April Griffin
Certificate of Commendation - Commissioner Mike Howe

CONSENT ITEMS

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING;

5. APPROVE AN UPDATED PREVAILING WAGE RATES; *Commissioner Howe discussed changes to the last minutes including from the expenditure process the permit process. MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved, and Commissioner Reyes seconded to approve the April 14th, 2022, minutes. The motion passed unanimously.*

REPORTS

6. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES, INCLUDING;
 - COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL OF PFLUGERVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE; (GRIFFIN/HOWE)

 - TRAVIS COUNTY ESD COMMISSIONERS' COUNCIL REPORT; (BESSNER)
Ms. Griffin reported that she was surprised that the city voted to enter negotiations for EMS services. Commissioner Griffin is excited about the opportunity to work with the city. Commissioner Howe hopes this moves forward
Commissioner Howe shared the report will be mailed to residents of ESD 17. Commissioner Bessner shared they are currently completing an ILA.

7. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TRESURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION INCLUDING APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS AND INVOICES;
 - A. APPROVAL OR FINANCIAL REPORT, INCLUDING PROCESSING OF PAYROLL;
 - B. RECEIVE MONTHLY SLAES TAX ANALYSIS REPORT
 - C. RECEIVE MONTHLY SALES TAX ANALYSIS REPORT;
 - D. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES FOR ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROVED BUDGET;
Commissioner Howe asked about a \$75,000 charge for the fire station. Officer Perkins shared they have been taking the emergency call. Ms. Griffin asked about CASCO.
Commissioner Howe reported on the interest rate and discussed how it related to property taxes. Ms. Frazer sha
MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Griffin seconded approval of the financial report, the sales tax analysis report, and purchases of items included in the district's approved budget. Motion passes unanimously.

8. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE FIRE CHIEF REGARDING EMERGENCY OPERATIONS, RESPONSE TIMES, CALL VOLUME, TRAINING, MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL TO INCLUDE:
 - AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S EMS BILLING POLICY;
 - AN UPDATE ON THE DISTRICT'S PLANNING DEVELOPMENT;
 - AND CONSIDER TAKING ANY RELATED ACTION;*Chief Nick Perkins discussed covid updates and hospitalizations and the district awards banquet. He spoke of a special award for a dispatcher's outstanding performance. He discussed data analytics and reaching the community on every channel available. Station 7 is almost ready to go after a power hook-up with Encore. Station 8 has mobile home and is moving faster. He also spoke on the increase in dispatching fees with a 30% increase over the next 3 years. They have proposed a meeting with all the ESD chiefs to better understand the problem and understand where the different funding comes from. Rising labor costs is the primary issue. He discussed questions from ILA and noted he was late with the*

district's report summary and has noticed an uptick in requests for assistance for mutual aid. Small group work is complete and 1 on 1 interviews will still need to be completed. The draft goal is by the June Board meeting.

Chief Perkins spoke on Tele911 for telephone enabled emergency services. Dr. Eckstein, Tele911, presented on the types of service Tele911 can provide for the district such as providing services for stable patients on scene and social workers for mental health issues. This way, patients do not always have to go to the ER and maximize patient safety and lower response times. Social workers can implement a comprehensive needs assessment. Commissioner Reyes shared this is in line with ESD goals and asked how long their program has been around. Dr. Eckstein shared they are expanding their services and have success in Montgomery County, and they would only need to do in-person training. In terms of finances, they bill the patient's insurance and write off the uninsured. The only reimbursement is in transport, and they are still able to make a profit. This is a long-term partnership and will meet leadership and people in the field.

Commissioner Griffin asked how long they have been operational in Texas. Dr. Eckstein replied they have been working in Texas for 2-3 months and are willing to provide references from Florida and Los Angeles. Chief Perkins shared that this new business has only been implemented during the past two years and emphasized the opportunity. Ms. Griffin asked about how they will do their due diligence for doctors and Commissioner Turner asked what kinds of reporting they will have access to. Chief Perkins replied that they don't have a seamless ESO integration, but there is a robust reporting system. Dr. Eckstein added that they will be allowed to integrate in real-time emergency services. They hope their partners can push ESO from the cloud. Ms. Griffin asked about their timeframe for implementation. Mr. Eckstein replied that getting the service agreement approved by legal takes the longest but can take at least 30 days and will work to implement the program with staff. He discussed the legal process and noted it would-be attorney to attorney. The Board discussed how it will benefit their community.

9. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS, CONTRACT ISSUES, AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION; Attorney Carlton stated the legislature is not in session, he has nothing to report.

10. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PFLUGERVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER' S ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 4137 AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION; *Chris spoke on the contract with ESD 2 is ready for firefighters to return to the city. He spoke laying down foundations for a collective bargaining agreement. A date is forthcoming.*

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

11. DICUSS AND CONSIDER STRATEGIC PLANNING FOR THE DISTRICT RELATED TO FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PROJECTIONS, INCLUDING;
 - REVIEW OF PROJECTED GROWTH IN REVENUE, POPULATION, SERVICE DEMAND, AND IMPACT ON RESPONSE TIMES AND PROVISION OF SERVICE,
 - PRESENTING REPORTS FROM THE COMMISSIONERS CONDERING COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS AND RELATIONS,
 - AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Nothing to report

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER FINANCING FOR THE 2022 QUINT (AERIAL) APPARATUS AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Chief Perkins shared the purchase of the Quint was approved at the last board meeting and discussed interest rates and about the new lenders.
MOTION: Commissioner Howe moved, Ms. Griffin seconded, of the financing pending council approval.
Motion passed unanimously*
13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A CONTRACT FOR SMOKE/CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS FOR INSTALLATION IN THE COMMUNITY; *Chief Perkins discussed the FEMA grant for these detectors to identify areas of high risk and being to apply door to door service through this grant funding. This purchase is for 750 smoke alarms, 250 smoke seal alarms, with shipping costs of \$26,691.66.
MOTION: Ms. Griffin moved, Commissioner Howe seconded, to approve the contract.*
14. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER EMERGICON CONTRACT EXTENSION AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Chief Perkins shared this contract is the main billing provider and the current contract ends in May 2022, but would like to waiting until the final billing policy so all information can be including. They wish to extend the current contract terms through November 2022 to allow time with the total cost not to exceed \$50,000 and allow staff to negotiate a new contract term.
MOTION: Ms. Griffin moved and commissioner Howe seconded to accept the contract extension. The motion passed unanimously*
15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COST OF A SUPERINTENDENT FROM BRAUN & BUTLER AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Chief Perkins shared the superintended is asking for reimbursement due to delays for the amount of \$61,470 including \$44,290 in superintendent costs and \$17,180 in preconstruction costs and be billed against the contract in contingency allowance or be billed as a change order. Ms. Griffin asked if he was working elsewhere. A representative shared that if he was working somewhere else, it was not included in this billing and shared that they were not able to fully utilize him. Ms. Griffin asked about preconstruction costs. It was shared that it was because prices had gone up. A representative shred it is to cover csts they have incurred since August. Commissioner Turner asked Chief Perkins on his view. Chief Perkins shared Commissioner Turner Moved, Commissioner Howe seconded to accept the proposal. Motion passed. Nay: Ms. Griffin.*
16. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER MARTINEZ ARCHITECTS COST ADDER FOR TRAINING FIELD AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *This item was moved to the next meeting.*
17. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS COMBATTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *Already covered*
18. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION; *The ILA schedule is scheduled for next Tuesday*

President Bessner adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen
Board Recorder