

TRAVIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 6, 2023

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 held a meeting on Thursday, April 6, 2023, 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 Zoom:

Rico Reyes

Commissioners who attended:

Mike Howe April Griffin Randy Reese

The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins	AJ Stacer	Sequina Allen	Brian Fairbanks	Victor Gonzalez
Jessica Frazier	Christopher Wolff	Jennifer Schein	Aaron Segura	Alejandro Piedrahita
Jonathan Carroll	Zachary Wadley	Nicholas Wright		

1. THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Griffin at 6:46p.m. and the minutes were recorded by mechanical means. The District called the meeting later than normal due to quorum attendance. 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 to the District making the list of Austin Best Place for working Parents*
- *Brandon Barkley promotion to Deputy Assistant Fire Chief*
- *Aaron Segura promotion to Battalion Chief*
- *Jonathan Carroll promotion to Apparatus Specialist*
- *Nicholas Wright promotion to Apparatus Specialist*
- *Zachary Wadley promotion to Apparatus Specialist*
- *Jeremy Ayers promotion to Apparatus Specialist*
- *Alejandro Piedrahita promotion to Apparatus Specialist*
- *Justin Luechtefeld promotion to Lieutenant*
- *Christopher Wolff promotion to Lieutenant*

CONSENT ITEMS

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AND MARCH 9, 2023 MEETING;
Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reese seconded to approve the minutes from the February 21, 2023 and March 9, 2023 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

5. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES, INCLUDING;
 - COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE CITY COUNCIL OF PFLUGERVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE;
No report was given.
 - DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATION COMMITTEE
No Report was given
 - TRAVIS COUNTY ESD COMMISSIONERS' COUNCIL REPORT;

6. RECEIVE REPORT FROM TREASURER AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION INCLUDING:
 - A. APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS AND INVOICES;
 - B. APPROVAL OR FINANCIAL REPORT, INCLUDING PROCESSING OF PAYROLL;
 - C. RECEIVE MONTHLY SALES TAX ANALYSIS REPORT;
 - A. APPROVAL OF PURCHASES FOR ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE DISTRICT'S APPROVED BUDGET;
Commissioner Howe discussed sales tax being only down 4%. He discussed payroll fees and discussed payment for payroll stipends and \$840,000 for compensation. Chief Perkins shared they are expecting delivery for the pre-approved apparatus and is set to be delivered in the next few weeks.
Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reese seconded to approve the treasurer's report. The

motion passed unanimously.

7. 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 Perkins discussed the wildfire season and discussed performance issues regarding the Allegiant situation. He discussed the Central Health demographic report. The report showcases the demographics including poverty levels. He shared that the cities of Pflugerville and Manor are not as highlighted. He noted they will see an enhanced community clinic coming to the northeast. Round Rock will be exiting AutoAid.. ESD 2 has met with the city of Austin discussing best practices and feels they will be able to come to an agreement. Chief Perkins discussed Station 6 and noted pavement is going down and is looking at FF and E figures. He discussed the subsidy and shared it would be somewhere between \$700,000 and \$1 million dollars. He discussed future growth and noted there is a strong potential they will need another ambulance in order to maintain performance levels.

8. RECEIVE MONTHLY REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION MATTERS, CONTRACT ISSUES, AND LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;
CAUSE NO. D-1-GN-23-000748; DAVID ROGERS, JENNIFER PAKENHAM, AND KRISTI POWELL, PLAINTIFFS V. TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2 BOARD, DEFENDANT

This item will be discussed in the executive session.

Commissioner Reyes wanted to clarify and address the false accusation. Commissioner Reyes wanted to address some issues that were brought to his attention regarding his temporary work location and his hometown roots. Commissioner Reyes has been a citizen of Pflugerville for over 20 years. And his family has been homeowners in Pflugerville for over 100 years. Commissioner Reyes has a unique work situation that requires him to work in other locations for certain periods of time. But Commissioner Reyes wanted to state for the record that he in fact still owned property in Pflugerville, Texas, and plans to return as soon as he can. He loves his community and the work he does with the District.

9. RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PFLUGERVILLE PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION, LOCAL NO. 4137 AND CONSIDER TAKING RELATED ACTION;

No report.

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10. DISCUSS 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 CONSIDERING COMMUNITY INTERACTIONS AND RELATIONS,

- AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Chief Perkins is looking at different options to expand the fire service. He is close to a scope of work. He discussed the planning conference and noted some proposed dates such as the 13th and-14th of July and the 27th and the 28th of July. The Commissioners agreed on July 27th and July 28th tentatively (all day Thursday and half day Friday).

11. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER ACTIVITY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS COMBATTING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

No updates was given.

12. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER TAKING ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSED ILA FOR THE FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT WITH TRAVIS COUNTY AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Chief Perkins discussed their fire code and enforcement and noted they don't investigate arson, leaving that to the law enforcement. Currently, there is discussion on how they enforce fire codes. He noted the delineation on what a Fire Marshal does and doesn't do in an ILA. The county can change the county code or do an ILA. This item will eventually be going to court. The ILA he presented has been signed by all the ESDs. He asked the Commissioners if they are in favor of ILA and noted Legislation 1775 will clarify ILA's. The county is not in favor of legislation. Chief Perkins noted he has no problems with the ILA. Chief Perkins shared the cost of this ILA would be the legal review, and the only change would be in writing and codifying what ESD 2 has already been doing. Commissioner Howe emphasized remaining in communication with the county. No action was taken.

13. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM TRAVIS COUNTY FOR RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEGISLATIONS;

Chief Perkins discussed the legislation that would seek to undermine the voters through annexation of ESDs similar to ESD 17 and 775 would require elections of commissioners. Chief Perkins shared that inaccurate information was presented. Chief Perkins shared that they always post their agenda as required by law. Commissioner Howe noted that he provided written comments against House Bill 1775. HB 1776 would prevent annexation. Chief Perkins shared this would be sent to the Commissioner's staff.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reese seconded to approve the resolution for support. The motion passed unanimously.

14. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVING CENTRAL SUPPLY BUILDING MODIFICATIONS AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Chief Perkins discussed improvements to the upper mezzanine of the warehouse and noted challenges in storing long-term medical equipment. There was money budgeted and approved in the budget. They will be going with the contractor Trimbilt. The bid is \$182,194. They originally budgeted \$120,000, but the remaining funds will be drawn from another project. Commissioner Howe asked about the timeline. The contractors are confident they can do it in 90-120 days.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reyes seconded to approve the central supply building modifications proposal. The motion passed unanimously.

15. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER THE PROPOSED PROVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES, COST ALLOCATION, AND TAKE ANY RELATED ACTION;

Chief Perkins shared this will be no greater than 3 percent.

Commissioner Howe moved and Commissioner Reyes seconded that these services would not exceed 3%. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board went into executive session at 7:51 PM.

The Board adjourned from the executive session at 8:15 PM.

Commissioner Reyes wanted to state for the record see # item 8

Vice President Griffin adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen
Board Recorder