

TRAVIS COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 2
WORK SESSION MINUTES

July 27-28, 2023

Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 2 will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and continuing on Friday, July 28, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Conference and Education Center (CEC) 203 E Pecan Street, Pflugerville, Texas for the following purposes.

Commissioners who attended:

Rico Reyes	April Griffin	Randy Reese	Robert Turner	Mike Howe
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The following persons were also in attendance:

Nick Perkins	AJ Stacer	Sequina Allen	Jessica Frazier	Victor Gonzalez
Ron Moellenberg	Aaron Segura	Michael Anderson	Trevor Stokes	Heath Doyle
Josh Stubblefield	Glen Smith	Brandon Barkley	Dan Berger	Robert Ortiz
Barabra Rush	Jeff Travillion	Charles Brotherton	John Carlton	Kevin Crogert
Ron Mollenberg	Mike Howe	Mitchell Jones	Vicky Linsalata	Bobby Abbott
Ryan Smith	Tony Haden	Jim McDonald	Cesar Ruiz	Scott Kerwood

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1. THE MEETING was called to order by Commissioner Reyes at 8:11 a.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/>. Fire Chief made an introduction to the meeting and set goals for the conference.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING INTRO; *Chief Perkins opened the meeting, with introductions of every commissioner, executive staff and special guest. Chief Perkin explained the agenda and the the district strategic plan, with internal and external surveys regarding the district performance. Chief Perkins gave a report of the current demographics of the district which is rapidly increasing in growth. With the increase of community comes with a increase of our calls. Chief Perkins also explained the challenges that the district faces to serve our community with a dispatch problem and a certain interest group.*

3. UPDATED FINANCIAL FORECASTS, AND ESD 2 & TRAVIS COUNTY FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL IMPACT DISCUSSION;
Chief Assistant Mark Moellenberg presented his update or snap shot with the current state of the district.. He started with the number of authorized uniform force the distict. The district have a total of 164 members that is on the fire trucks serving the community. The district currently has seven station open to serve the community a couple of station currently being build. Chief Assistant Mark Moellenberg gave a report of the class numers of the recruit and the cadet class numbers. He also reported how the distict is responding to the growth of the district and the impact of the responses time. Chief Moellenberg announce a future request for upcoming purchases for new apparatus. More details for commissioners to approve at a future time.

Assistant AJ Stacer

Director Dan Berger presented an updated forecast for a community risk reduction plan and gave their presentation regarding the community risk reduction plan and Community Risk assessment. Director Dan reviewed the goal for the Community Risk Reduction for everyone in the community ex. People, Building, and Events.

Dircetor Finance Jessica Frazier discussed the financial and operational impact discussion for ESD# 17 Jessica Frazier gave a report for the five year forecast for ESD# 17. Asstamt Chief Dan Berger presented an updated forecast for a community risk reduction plan. Dan reviewed the goal for the Community Risk Reduction for everyone in the community ex. People, Building, and Events. Commissioner Reyes wanted to give a moment that is due The district that is due we need Break for lunch at 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Afternoon Break: 3:00 to 3:15 PM

4. STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSION; *Chief Perkins opened the meeting and gave the floor to Jeff Travillion, Barabara Rush, Charles Brotherton and City of Pflugerville counsel members Ceasar Ruiz and Jim Mcdonald.*

Chuck Brotherton discussed his emergency management equities and gave an overview of the executive offices for medical services within Travis County. He discussed the fire code enforcement and discussed issues with duplicate efforts. Jeff Travillion discussed strategic priorities and ensured that the ESDs are in communication with Chuck. The members discussed the timeliness of improving response times, city management, and fleet services. The group discussed hiring for a CRC position. ESD 3 discussed population planning and Samsung's development and fire station 4 and plans for Station 6. ESD Commissioners discussed their priorities and stressed the importance of partnerships with the city

council. Jim McDonald discussed the city of Pflugerville's growth. Chief Perkins discussed communicating with Allegiance and their lack of success with the contracting company. Chief Perkins opened a discussion on opportunities. Ceasar Ruiz advocated for them to volunteer as a substitute teacher to help address the shortage and discussed evaluating public health and safety services with city services. The Commissioners discussed dealing with sales tax rates and cost recovery due to health inspections and discussed public safety evaluations. The commissioners discussed the importance of preparing for the next water crisis. They discussed their GIS program and the master plan for zoning to determine where the developments will be located divided residentially and commercially. The commissioners discussed land use as it related to health and safety, fire suppression limitations and zoning issues, discussing fire exit numbers in buildings and playground equipment. The commissioners discussed economic development as it related to ALS and challenges related to the city's fire code versus the ESD's fire code. Barbara Rush discussed how the fire department was voted to be the best department in the city of Pflugerville and emphasized they had a choice between going public with ATCS or private (Allegiant). Ceasar Ruiz shared that the city council made the wrong decision at the time to go with the private company and noted good conversations had not occurred. Jeff Travillion added that this is business and encouraged the Commissioners and City Council to look for what is best for the city and the next generation. Jim McDonald added that public investment into the goods and services of the community is a good idea. He added that Travis County's funding formula through the EPJ or ESDS where the city pays a portion of the cost of the ESD, but this isn't done in Pflugerville. Jim Travillion added they will need to figure out the proper share and get to consensus on the city council and the Commissioner's Court to ensure good decisions. Jim McDonald asked Commissioner Turner about a 3-year plan. Commissioner Turner added that he is scared to call 911 as a practicing paramedic and wishes to continue the conversations.

5. PPFA LOCAL 4137 PRESENTATION; Trevor Stokes discussed historic fire chiefs and long events/crises and when to engage/disengage. He discussed the IAFF L4137 history and collective bargaining. He noted collective bargaining is important for ESDs to work with in order to ensure a safety net. He compared ESD employees versus Municipal FDs/EMS, where ESD employees have more uncertainty and gave an overview of the Texas State Association of Firefighters and added they would benefit from strategic planning due to the size of the group and what they do (fire and EMS). He noted they are a case study for an organization with poor political relations. He discussed creating legislative partnerships, involvement with TSAFF, and creating initiatives and priorities and to continue being leaders in the EMS field and facilitate strong relationships with city management, and political action. He discussed a tree trimming event where the association helped a resident trim tree in her yard when the city would not help. He emphasized attending the national Fallen Firefighters Memorial event. He discussed room for growth including partnerships with other ESDs and gave an overview of what firefighters want. Chief Perkins gave an overview of the remaining sessions and Barabara Rush shared she did not think the fight was over to bring in Commissioners to prevent special interest from taking over fire departments and discussed a fundraising event

Recess 4:10 pm no action taken

6. ESD # 2 RECONVENE AT 9:08 AM ON JUL 28, 2022;

7. HISTORY OF AMBULANCE SERVICES;

Mr. Hobby declared the meeting begun 9:08 AM. He discussed an overall chronology of Travis County's EMS services and his history with the City of Pflugerville and emphasized needing good communication with the City of Austin and added that there are projections of growth. He discussed having a City of Pflugerville Council meeting with ESD 2 and the City of Pflugerville. The Board discussed the sales tax issues and history of issues over the years, especially when working with ALS. Commissioner Howe asked if anger still exists from the first sales tax election. The council agreed that this has been a long-standing issue. Participants discussed issues with their leasing their facilities over time. The board discussed the partnership with the city over time.

Chief Perkins shared a document with the Commissioners showing the expense that comes with ALS operations. He emphasized the need to continue to work on this item. Commissioner Griffin asked for a timeline of this item. He added this document was given to him by a citizen, not from the city. Commissioner Griffin asked that they should inquire about this at the Commissioner's Court. Commissioner Reyes noted it is important to stay on top of the developments.

8. FUTURE AND FINANCIAL DECISIONS; *Jessica Frazier presented ESD# 17 Decision points for proposed budget;*

9. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE & GOALS FOR THE FIRE CHIEF (EXECUTIVE SESSION);

*The Board went into executive session at 10:58 AM
The Board adjourned from the executive session at 12:37 PM.*

10. ADJOURN THE MEETING – President Reyes adjourned the meeting at 12:37 am on July 28.

President Reyes adjourned the meeting at 12:37 p.m.
The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Sequina Allen
Board Recorder