

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, July 26, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
911 Westlake Dr.
West Lake Hills, Texas

1. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Present: Virgil Flathouse (VF)
Steve Scheffe (SS)
Kirt Kiester (KK)

Officers Present:
Mike Elliott (ME)
Walter Groman (WG)
Jack Frost (JF)

Others Present:
Jaysen Maurice (JM)
Lisa Litman (LL)
Chris Gill (CG)
Ben Williams (BW)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the June 28, 2016 Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (M – KK, 2nd – SS, V – Unanimous).

4. Citizens' Communication – The Board of Commissioners welcomes public comments at this point on any issue. The Board will not respond to questions or comments from the public at this time. The Board cannot discuss or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. Speakers must sign up with the Fire Chief or his designee before speaking. Speakers shall limit their comments to two (2) minutes each. There were no citizens present who wished to speak to the Board.

5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Chris Gill reported no additional information for the Board. The Association has been working with ME providing input on budget matters.

6. The Board will consider and possibly take action on the following Items:

a. Employee Medical Insurance Review – Jaysen Maurice, Benefit Partners reviewed the current medical insurance plans and the proposed renewal that will be due October 1st. There was discussion on Affordable Care Program (ACP) policies, the changes in deductible and out of pocket expense. Several options were presented to the Board with similar changes. The renewal would be for a longer period (15 months) and that would reduce the overall increase. Plans are for the Board to review the options again at the August 23rd Board Meeting. No action was taken.

b. St. 902 Remodel Construction Update – Chief Elliott reported that demolition was in progress at St. 902 and preparations were underway for concrete pouring when the plumbing inspection was completed. No action was taken.

c. 2016/17 Budget Summary – Chief Elliott reviewed items in the next fiscal year budget and discussed questions about the assessed valuation and rollback tax rate. ME said Budget Information would be coming out soon and SS asked that information be sent via e-mail. No action was taken.

d. Employee Salary Review – Commissioners looked at the options for salary adjustments in the next fiscal year. Due to the uncertainty of the rollback tax rate, there was little discussion on options. No action was taken.

e. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Elliott presented invoices over \$2,000 to the Board. A motion was made to approve the expenditures (M – SS, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous).

7. Fire Chief's Report – ME reported on a few incidents of interest and statistics with the Board.

a. ESD CC Report – ME reported that Emergency Manager for Travis County, Danny Hobby, announced he was retiring in February at the last ESD CC Meeting. There was also discussion on why the County did not include funding for an ESD Medical Director relating to the TC / Austin Interlocal Agreement.

b. Review Financial Report – ME reviewed the Financial Report with the Board.

8. Executive Session to discuss matters included on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code (see below). There was no Executive Session.

9. Discuss and Consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session – N/A.

10. Set Date and Time of the Next Regular Meetings:

Two Budget Sessions are planned for Monday, Aug. 8th and Tuesday Aug. 9th, 2016 (if needed). Both meetings will be held at 1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite B-123, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746, 6:30 p.m. (Time may vary depending on availability of Commissioners).

Tuesday, August 23, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at 911 Westlake Dr, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746 (KK will not be present).

11. Adjournment – 8:00 p.m.

Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above as authorized by Texas Government Code, Section ¶551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), ¶551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property), ¶551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), ¶551.074 (Personnel Matters), and ¶551.076 (Deliberation about Security Devices).

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Tad Davis, Secretary