

**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9**  
**Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**  
**Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**  
**911 Westlake Drive**  
**West Lake Hills, Texas**

1. Call to Order – 6:32 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

**Commissioners Present:**

Virgil Flathouse (VF)  
Steve Wilson (SW)  
Kirt Kiester (KK)  
Mikeal Love (ML)  
Steve Hudson (SH)

**Officers Present:**

David Wilson (DW)  
Heath Nobles (HN)

**Others Present:**

Ben Williams (BW)  
Curtis Vacek (CV)  
Aaron Gilbert (AG)  
Trent McClain (TM)  
Ryan Blake (RB)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the August 20, 2019 Meeting – A motion was made to approve the August 20, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. (M – ML, 2<sup>nd</sup> – SH, 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.
  - Jen Askew addressed the Board to thank them for all they have done for her family after Lt. Askew's passing. The Board expressed their gratitude to Ms. Askew for attending and speaking at the meeting.
5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Ben Williams addressed the Board and thanked them for including funding for the retirement healthcare account in the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget. BW also reported on fundraising activities for the Askew Family.
6. The Board will consider and possibly take action on the following Items:
  - a. Vote to propose a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2019/20 – Commissioners reviewed data provided by Chief Wilson and the Travis County Tax Office and discussed different tax rate scenarios to fund the Fiscal Year 2019/20 Budget.

After discussion, a motion was made by SW to propose a tax rate of \$0.0800 (Operations and Maintenance - \$0.0777, Debt - \$0.0023). ML seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was recorded.  
For – VF, ML  
Opposed – SW, KK, SH  
The motion failed.

A motion was made by SW to propose a tax rate of \$0.0781 (Operations and Maintenance - \$0.0758, Debt - \$0.0023). SH seconded the motion. After discussion a vote was recorded:  
For – SW, KK, SH  
Opposed – VF, ML  
The motion passed.
  - b. Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget – Commissioners reviewed a presentation of budget amendments recommended for the Fiscal Year 2018/19 Budget. A motion was made to approve the budget amendments as presented by Chief Wilson. (M – SH, 2<sup>nd</sup> – SW, V- Unanimous)
  - c. Resolution Committing and Assigning Fund Balance – Commissioners discussed the current fund balance and categories. A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-4 Committing and Assigning Fund Balance. (M- SH, 2<sup>nd</sup> – ML, V – Unanimous)
  - d. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson reviewed the invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. A motion was made to approve the expenditures. (M – KK, 2<sup>nd</sup> – SW, V – Unanimous)

7. Fire Chief's Report
  - a. Operations Report – Chief Wilson reviewed significant incidents and call statistics from the previous month with the Board.
  - b. Financial Reports – Chief Wilson reviewed the financial reports 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 ESD No. 9 Meeting Dates. – The Commissioners reviewed the Tax Planning Calendar and set the following meetings:
  - October 1, 2019 – Public Hearing on Tax Increase - 6:00 p.m. – ESD 9 Administrative Offices
  - October 10, 2019 – Public Hearing on Tax Increase – 6:00 p.m. – ESD 9 Administrative Offices
  - October 15, 2019 – Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners – West Lake Hills Municipal Offices
11. Adjournment. – 7:55 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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*Steve Hudson*

Steve Hudson, Secretary