

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Budget Workshop of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Due to the state of emergency and/or local disaster caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 will hold its meeting at 1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Building B, Suite 123, West Lake Hills, Texas, 78746 and via telephone/video conference. The public may participate in the meeting via the internet from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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1. Call to Order – 6:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

Commissioners:

Virgil Flathouse
Steve Hudson
Kirt Kiester

Officers:

David Wilson
Heath Nobles

Others:

Scott Elkins

3. Citizens' Communication – The Board of Commissioners welcomes public comments at this point on any issue, whether or not included as an item on the agenda. The Board cannot discuss or take action on matters not listed on the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak on any matter, regardless whether included on this agenda, must sign up with the Fire Chief or his designee at esd9comments@gmail.com prior to the meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to four (4) minutes each.

4. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins addressed the Board highlighting the Union's view on COVID 19 workers compensation claims, reviewing the request for a 1% retirement match increase with a 2:1 matching schedule, increase of matching for those over 20 years of service and recapped the year of union items.
- There were no speakers present to address the Board.

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

- a. Review and Approve the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Proposed Budget – Chief Wilson led a discussion with the Commissioners on the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 budget. After review of the material provided a motion was made by Commissioner Hudson.
 - Motion by Commissioner Hudson – Motion to approve Draft 1 of the budget as presented by Chief Wilson, but increase the base pay adjustment for all staff to 2.5% and include a retirement contribution match of 20% for employees that will have 20 years of service in 2021.
 - Second – Commissioner Flathouse
 - Vote:
 - o For – Commissioner Flathouse and Commissioner Hudson
 - o Against – Commissioner Kiester
 - The Motion passed.
- b. Vote to Propose a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 – Commissioners evaluated the No New Revenue Rate, Voter Approval Rate and De Minimis Rate. After review of the rates and needed tax rate to fund the budget a motion was made.
 - Motion by Commissioner Hudson to propose a tax rate of \$0.0814 for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

- Second – Commissioner Kiester
 - Vote:
 - o For – Commissioner Hudson and Commissioner Kiester
 - o Against – Commissioner Flathouse
 - The Motion passed.
- c. Invoices over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson presented the invoices over \$2,000. A motion was made to approve the invoices over \$2,000. (M – KK, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous)
6. Executive Session to discuss matters included on this agenda as authorized by Texas Government Code (see below).
- There was no executive session by the board.
7. Discuss and Consider action on matters discussed in Executive Session. – N/A
8. Set Date and Time of the next Regular ESD No. 9 Meetings and Tax Rate Public Hearing.

- The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 25, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. A Tax Rate Public Hearing will be held on September 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
9. Adjournment – 8:05 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