

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, January 26, 2021, 6:30 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. 6:34 p.m.
2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners Present:

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

Officers Present:

David Wilson (DW)
Heath Nobles (NB)

Other Present:

Scott Elkins (SE)
Jaime Galbreath (JG)
Mitch Thomas (MT)
Amy Patillo (AP)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 meeting. (M – SH, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous)
4. 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.
 - City Counsel, Amy Patillo – City of Rollingwood, joined in on the meeting via Zoom. Amy introduced herself and noted that she was just there to observe. Commissioner Flathouse reviewed "About Us" "Talking Points" document for the department. Commissioner Flathouse also presented a "Recognition Letter" from all of the Commissioners addressed to Chief Wilson. Expressing their recognition and appreciation for what a great job both he and his entire department have done during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins reported that they are still working on a scholarship fund for firefighters in need. He is working on setting up a 501C3 and noted that after the last Board Meeting, Commissioner Hudson had reached out to Scott offering him some guidance with setting this up. Scott took a moment to express his gratitude and appreciation for all that the Board Members do for the Firefighters. He stated that the relationship between the Board, the Officers, and the Crews are exceptional and feels that the morale of the entire department is really high.
6. The Board will consider and possibly take action on the following Items:
 - a. Oath of Office and Statement of an Appointed Official for Reappointed Commissioners – Chief Wilson administered the oath of office and Statement of Appointed Official to Commissioner Hudson. Commissioner Steve Hudson is re-appointed by Travis County Precinct 3 for a two year term.
 - b. Election of Board of Officers – Commissioners postponed the election to next month's Board Meeting.
 - c. Resolution 2021-1, Committed Fund Balance – Chief Wilson presented Resolution 2021-1. A motion was made to

approve the resolution as presented. (M – KK, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous)

- d. Purchase of a Replacement Cylinder Fill Station for Fire Station 902 – Chief Wilson presented the issues with the existing Fill Station, the three bids requested, and recommendations. – A motion was made to approve the purchase of a new Cylinder Fill Station. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V- Unanimous)
 - e. Purchase of a Replacement Battalion Chief Emergency Response Vehicle (Battalion 901) – Chief Nobles presented the specification, pricing, and timeline of purchasing a replacement Emergency Response Vehicle. As well as the upgrades and slider bed needed for storage. Chief Nobles anticipates everything will come in at around \$25,000 less than what was originally approved and budgeted for. – A motion was made to approve the purchase of a Replacement Battalion Chief Emergency Response Vehicle when it becomes available to order. (M-SH, 2nd- KK, V – Unanimous)
 - f. Resolution 2021-2, Updating Invoice Exceptions List for Bills over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson presented Resolution 2020-2. A motion was made to approve the resolution as presented. (M – KK, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous)
 - g. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson reviewed the invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. A motion was made to approve the expenditures. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
7. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wilson
- a. Operations Report - Chief Wilson reviewed the events of interest during October, updates on COVID19 department operations, new apparatus planning, and statistics from the previous month.
 - b. ESD CC Report and Update – Chief Wilson reviewed the CC report with the Board.
 - c. 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 Regular ESD No. 9 Meeting. – The next regular meeting of the Commissioner will be held February 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment. – 8:15 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). Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modifications and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call the District at 512-539-3400 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunications devices for the deaf may call the statewide Relay Texas Program, 1-800-735-2988.

Steve Hudson

Steve Hudson, Secretary