

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
911 Westlake Drive
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)
Steve Wilson (SW)
Kirt Kiester (KK)-6:40

Officers Present:
Mike Elliott (ME)
David Wilson (DW)
Chris Ham (CH)

Others Present:
Steve Hudson (SH)
Lisa Litman (LL)
Seth Bonnacarrere (SB)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the September 19, 2017 Regular Meeting – A motion was made to approve the minutes from the previous meeting (SS, 2nd – SW, 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.

Prospective Commissioner Steve Hudson spoke to the Board about his past experiences in public service.

5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – There was no report from the Union.

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

a. Contract for the Purchase of a 2018 Pierce Fire Engine – Chief Elliott reviewed the proposals that were received from engine manufacturers with the Board. The Staff and Commissioners carefully weighed all factors of the proposals. After much debate, the Board chose the Pierce proposal due to, but not limited to, the location of a maintenance facility, the quality of features on the engine proposal, and the history of past production results. A motion was made to approve the purchase of a Pierce Velocity PUC as specified in the proposal for \$679,564 from Committed Funds 30480 (M – SW, 2nd – VF, V – SS, Abstained – KK).

b. Approval to Purchase Portable Radios – Chief Elliott reviewed the proposal to purchase Motorola APX 8000 portable radios in a total replacement plan that began in the previous fiscal year. There was discussion on financing options, but the Board elected to forgo those options. A motion was made to approve the purchase of sixteen APX 8000 portable radios for \$124, 200 (M – SS, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous).

c. Memorandum of Understanding on the Shared Purchase of a Pump Trainer – Chief Wilson reported on a proposed MOU for the purchase and use of a fire pump trainer. A motion was made to authorize the Fire Chief to sign the MOU (M – SW, 2nd – SS, V – Unanimous).

d. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson reviewed invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. Invoices from the City of Austin for Medical Supplies was added to the list for \$2,589.00. A motion was made to approve the invoices.

7. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Elliott reported on events of interest and statistics from September.

a. ESD CC Update - Chief Wilson and VF reported on the last ESD CC Meeting.

b. ESD Fire Chief's Strategy – Chief Elliott reviewed the ESD Fire Chiefs' Strategy including agreeing to use a national response time standard, possible changes in medical direction by Travis County, and efforts to combine EMS continuing education.

c. Review Financial Reports – Chief Elliott 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 - Monday, November 27, 2017, at 1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite B-123, 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment – 8:12 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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Kirt H. Kiester

Kirt H. Kiester, Secretary