

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Monday, November 27, 2017, 6:30 p.m.
Capital View Center
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Suite B-123
West Lake Hills, Texas

1. Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners Present:

Virgil Flathouse (VF)
Steve Scheffe (SS)
Steve Wilson (SW) left at 7:00
Steve Hudson (SH)

Officers Present:

Mike Elliott (ME)
David Wilson (DW)
Walter Groman (WG)
Chris Ham (CH)

Others Present:

Jaysen Maurice (JM)
Ben Williams (BW)
Scott Elkins (SE)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the October 24, 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.
There were no citizens present who wished to speak to the Board.

5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Ben Williams announced he was the 2018 President of the Firefighters' Union and Scott Elkins was the new Vice President.

6. Oath of Office and Statement of Appointed Official for Steve Hudson – Chief Elliott administered the Oath of Office and the Anti-Bribery Statement to Steve Hudson.

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

- a. Renewal Review of Medical, Dental, Life and Disability Insurance – Jaysen Maurice of Benefit Partners reviewed the medical insurance history, competition between plans and the current Affordable Healthcare Act product rates with the Board. Other options included some Humana products but the out of pocket expense and higher deductibles were more than the proposed renewal by United Healthcare.

The Aetna Renewal proposed the same dental, life and disability insurance with a slight increase on the dental plan. Life and disability would remain the same cost.

Self-insurance would not be possible with the current employee census. Most administrative products required 100-200 employees to overcome administration costs and the current claims history was too high for the level funded claim products.

A motion was made to renew the medical insurance with United Healthcare and the dental, life and disability insurance with Aetna including the current policy on employer contribution benefits for medical and dental at \$1,000 for single employees and \$2,000 for families for the renewed plans (M – SS, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous).

- b. Approve the Purchase of Fire Station Furniture – District Chief Chris Ham reviewed a proposal to purchase some new station lockers and drawers for St. 902 bunkrooms. A motion was made to approve the purchase from All A Board, Inc. up to \$9,000 (M – SS, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous).
- c. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson presented invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. A motion was made to approve the expenditures holding payment to Freightliner until warranty coverage was confirmed (M – SS, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous).

8. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Elliott reviewed some incidents of interest and statistics with the Board.

- a. ESD CC Update – VF provided some incident statistics produced by Austin EMS from the last ESD CC Meeting

and noted there were questions about the inclusion of dispatch times in the report.

The Safe –D Conference is scheduled for February 22-24th at Moody Gardens in Galveston. ME said the Staff would register any Commissioners that wanted to attend.

b. Review Financial Reports – ME reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

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

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

11. Set Date and Time of the next ESD No. 9 Meeting - Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 911 Westlake Dr, 6:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment – 7:53 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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Secretary