

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 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 – 6:35 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum

Commissioners

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

Officer:

David Wilson (DW)
Justin Poag (JP)
Walter Groman (WG)
Wayne Morris (WM)

Others:

Chris Gill (CG)
Scott Elkins (SE)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the July 21, 2020 Regular Meeting and August 4, 2020 Budget Workshop – A motion was made to approve the minutes for the July 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. (M – SH, 2nd – KK, V- Unanimous); An additional motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2020 Budget Workshop. (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.
There were no citizens present who wished to address the Board and no online submittals were received.

5. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins provided a brief update on a firefighter who has been off for an off duty related injury.

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

a. Purchase of Two Replacement Thermal Imaging Cameras – Chief Wilson and Lieutenant Morris presented information on the purchase of two FLIR Thermal Imaging Cameras. After the presentation a motion was made to purchase two thermal cameras as presented. (M – SH, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous)

b. Purchase of Ballistic Equipment for Operations Personnel – Chief Wilson, Chief Poag and Inspector Gill presented information on the purchase of a vest and helmet for each riding position. After the presentation a motion was made to purchase the equipment as recommended by Staff. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – FOR - SH, SW, VF, Abstain – KK – The motion passed)

c. Set Date and Time of Public Hearing for Adoption of Tax Rate – Chief Wilson discussed the tax rate adoption calendar and the Board set the Public Hearing for the proposed tax rate and adoption of the tax rate for September 8, 2020 at the District Headquarters located at 1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy, Building B, Suite 123, West Lake Hills, Texas 78746. The Board directed Chief Wilson to make all proper postings as required.

- d. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Chief Wilson presented the invoices over \$2,000. A motion was made to approve the invoices over \$2,000. (M – SH, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous)
7. Fire Chief's Report
 - a. Operations Report – Chief Wilson reviewed the significant incidents and statistics from the previous month.
 - i. COVID-19 Pandemic Update – Chief Wilson updated the Board on the Department's continued planning and response efforts.
 - ii. Fire Station 901 Modifications Update – Chief Wilson reported the project was nearing completion and within the approved budget.
 - b. ESD CC Report and Update – Chief Wilson provided an update on the most recent ESD CC meeting.
 - 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 meetings of the Commissioners will be held: Public hearing and tax rate adoption – September 8, 2020, 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting – September 22, 2020 6:30 p.m.
11. Adjournment. – 7:32 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