

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Budget Workshop
Tuesday, August 3, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building B, Suite 123
West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

1. Call to Order. – 6:17 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners:

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

Officers:

David Wilson (DW)
Walter Groman (WG)

Others:

Jaime Galbreath (JG)
Seth Bonnacarrere (SB)
Alex Coyne (AC)

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.

- There were no citizens present who wished to speak to the Board.

4. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Seth Bonnacarrere and Firefighter Alex Coyne reported that due to the recent increase in COVID cases the IAFF Memorial was cancelled again this year and moved to virtual only. The union will check in with the Askew Family to see if they want to try again for next year. Also, there were 5 FF's out this past week due to COVID. Everyone did a wonderful job at covering shifts so that the department remained fully staffed. Seth also wanted to thank the Commissioners for all of their support through this difficult year and expressed that everyone is looking forward to having some new staff join the team.

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

a. Review and Approve the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Proposed Budget – Chief Wilson led a discussion with the Commissioners on the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. After review of the material provided, a motion was made to Approve the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)

b. Vote to Propose a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 – 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 to propose a tax rate of \$0.0807 for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)

6. Set Date and Time of the next Regular ESD No. 9 Meeting and Tax Rate Public Hearing, if needed. - A Tax Rate Public Hearing will be held August 17, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m

7. Adjournment. 7:22 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