

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m.
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building B, Suite 123
West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

1. Call to Order.6:30 pm

2. Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners Present:

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

Officers Present:

David Wilson (DW)
Wayne Morris (WM)

Other Present:

Jaime Galbreath (JG)
Tom Newby (TN)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. - A motion was made to approve the minutes from the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, 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 of whether included on this agenda, must sign up with the Fire Chief or his designee 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.

5. Presentations

a. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins – No Firefighters' Union Report

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

a. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the District's Medical, Dental, Vision, Disability and Life Insurance for Calendar Year 2023 – Tom Newby, with Winstar Insurance presented next years (2023) new Medical, Dental, Vision, Disability, and Life Insurance policies and pricing. Tom received several quotes from multiple providers. The departments current Medical, Disability, and Life Insurance providers quotes came in and was compared to the other providers. Tom found that the departments current provider came in with the highest quality coverage at the lowest price. Tom recommends keeping those policies. The department will continue using the same providers as last year. However, the departments current Dental and Vision Provider came in higher than the other providers. Tom recommends switching to Principal. Principal provides the same coverage as the current policies but at a lower price. – A motion was made to approve switching the Dental and Vision Policies from The Standard to Principal. (M – SW, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)

b. Discussion and Possible Action Related Resolution 2022-09, Authorizing and Allowing TML to Provide Texas House Bill 2171 Requirements in the District's Health Plan. – Chief Wilson and Tom Newby presented Resolution 2022-09 which addresses Authorizing TML to Provide Texas HB 2171 Requirements in the District's Health Plan. – A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-09 in compliance with the new Texas requirements stated in HB 2171. (M – SW, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous)

c. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the District's Business Insurance, Related to Risk, Liability, Auto, and Commercial, Renewing November 1, 2022. – Chief Wilson presented renewal proposals of Commercial, Risk, and Auto Policies for both VFIS and Leavitt Group. After reviewing both proposals Chief Wilson would recommend that the department renews the same policy with VFIS. The continued relationship along with the quality-of-service VFIS has provided the department has been exceptional. – A motion was made to approve renewing the District's Business Insurance related to Risk, Liability, Auto, and Commercial policy with VFIS. (M – SW, 2nd – DK, V – 4 Aye and 1 Oppose)

- d. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the District's Worker's Compensation Insurance, Renewing November 1, 2022 – Chief Wilson presented Worker's Compensation Renewal for FY 2022/2023 and reviewed quotes from both Texas Mutual and 7710-Benchmark. 7710-Benchmark's quote came in with at a lower premium. Chief Wilson would like to recommend staying with 7710-Benchmark. – Motion was made to re-new the current Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy with 7710-Benchmark. (M – SH, 2nd – KK, V- Unanimous)
 - e. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget – Chief Wilson presented Budget Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget. – A motion was made to approve the proposed Budget Amendments. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V- Unanimous)
 - f. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the District's Out of Service Equipment and Capital Building List for FY 2021/22 – Chief Wilson presented the Districts Out of Service Equipment and Capital Building List for FY 2021-2022. – A motion was made to approve the District's Out of Service Equipment and Capital Building list for FY 2021-2022 and removed listed items out of inventory. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
 - g. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras – Chief Wilson presented a proposal related to the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras. – A motion was made to approve the purchase of Thermal Imaging Cameras. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
 - h. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Purchase of an Extended Warranty for the new Fire Engine – Chief Wilson presented a quote to purchase an Extended Warranty for the new Fire Engine. – A motion was made to approve the purchase of an Extended Warranty (M – SW, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
 - i. Discussion and Possible Action Related to the Purchase of a Maintenance Agreement for the new Fire Engine – Chief Wilson presented a quote to purchase a Maintenance Agreement for the new Fire Engine. – A motion was made to approve the purchase of a Maintenance Agreement (M – SW, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
 - j. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Office Manager Jaime Galbreath reviewed the invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. – A motion was made to approve the expenditures. (M – SW, 2nd – KK, V – Unanimous)
 - k.
7. Executive Session (No public discussion on these items) – The Board entered the Executive Session at 7:28 pm and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 pm

The Travis County Emergency Service District No. 9 Board of Commissioners will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners may also consider any other matters posted on the agenda if there are issues that require consideration in Executive Session and the Commissioners announce that the item will be considered during Executive Session. No action may be taken on any items considered during Executive Session.

- a. Tex Govt. Code Section §551.074 (Personnel Matters)
 - b. Tex Govt. Code Section §551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property)
 - c. Tex Govt. Code Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney),
8. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wilson reviewed the events of interest during the month of September, updates on Strategic Planning Session, and statistics from the previous month.
- a. Chief Update on District Activities
 - b. Fire and EMS Operations Report
 - c. ESD CC Report and Update
 - d. Financial Reports– Chief Wilson reviewed the financial reports with the Board.
9. Set Date and Time of future ESD No. 9 Meetings. The next regular meeting of the Commissioner's will be held Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
10. Adjournment. 8:17 pm

* 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