

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, May 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m.
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building B, Suite 123
West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

1. Call to Order.

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:

Chief Wilson (DW)
Chief Nobles (HN)

Other Present:

Jaime Galbreath (JG)
Scott Elkins (SE)

3. Review and Approve Minutes for the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting. - A motion was made to approve the minutes from the April 25, 2023, Regular Meeting. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)

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5. 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.

6. Presentations:

a. Report from the Firefighters' Union – Firefighter Scott Elkins reported that the Benevolent Fund is going incredible. They have been able to raise a ton of money for this cause, especially Jen Askew. They just received a \$10,000 donation from a very close friend of Chris Askew. They are very grateful and excited to announce that the union will be hosting a brunch on June 10th, where they will be announcing this year's donation winners.

As budget season approaches The Firefighters' Union would like to take a moment to discuss Health Insurance Coverage. Scott would like the Board to take into consideration the amount that the department is currently covering for our dependents. At this time the department covers 100% of each employee's premium and only 50% of our dependents and spouses premium. With health costs rising so much. The union would like to request that the board consider having the department cover 75% to 100% of there premiums as well.

Scott thanked the Board Members for all that they do for the department and for all the support that they Board offers them.

b. Salary Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget – Chief Wilson presented salary adjustments for fiscal year 2023-2024 budget. – There is no action needed at this time.

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

a. Receive Updates and Possibly Take Action on Real Property Related to Fire Station 903 and City of Rollingwood Joint Facility* – Chief Wilson Presented an update on the Feasibility Studies for Stations 903. – No Action needed at this time.

b. Discuss and Possibly Take Action on Repairs and Upgrades to Austin Travis County EMS Medic 21 Facilities located at Fire Station 902 – Chief Wilson presented repair needs for Station 902 – A motion was made to approve the authorization for Chief Wilson to make final decision on bids as long as the costs are below \$49,000 for the repairs and modifications to Station 902 (M – SW, 2nd – SH, V – Unanimous)

- c. Discuss and Possibly Take Action on the Purchase of an Equipment Storage Shed for Fire Station 902 – Chief Wilson has requested authorization to purchase an Equipment Storage Shed for Station 902 – A motion was made to Authorize Chief Wilson to move forward with the purchase of a new equipment shed. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
 - d. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 2023-03 to state the Travis County Emergency Service District No. 9 Retirement Plan Contributions for the District's 401(a) Plan for 2022 – Chief Wilson presented Resolution 2023-03 to state the Travis County Emergency Services District No. 9 Retirement Plan Contributions for the District's 401(a) Plan for 222. – A motion was made to approve the Resolution. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
 - e. Invoices Over \$2,000 – Office Manager Jaime Galbreath reviewed invoices over \$2,000 with the Board. – A motion was made to approve the expenditure. (M – SH, 2nd – SW, V – Unanimous)
8. Executive Session (No public discussion on these items) – No Executive Session Needed.

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 §551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property)
9. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wilson reviewed the events of interest during the month of December, provided updates on District activities, and statistics from the previous month.
- a. Operations Report – Chief Wilson presented statistics for the month of April.
 - b. Legislative Update – Still monitoring all House Bills. Watching and Staying Updated on HB 1775 & HB 3053 mainly due to the fact that these are the two that would affect our department.
 - c. Financial Reports - Chief Wilson reviewed the financial reports with the Board.
10. Set Date and Time of future ESD No. 9 Meetings. - The next regular meeting of the Commissioner's will be held Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment. 7:36 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 dis

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