

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 9
Minutes for a Tax Rate Public Hearing and FOLLOWING
Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
1301 S. Capital of Texas Hwy., Building B, Suite 123
West Lake Hills, Texas 78746

6:00 P.M. Public Hearing for a Tax Rate for Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2023

1. Call to Order. 6:05 p.m.

Roll Call and Certification of Quorum.

Commissioners Present:

Virgil Flathouse (VF)
Debbie Kasper (DK)
Steve Hudson (SH)

Officers Present:

David Wilson (DW)
Heath Nobles (HN)

Other Present:

Jaime Galbreath (JG)

2. Public Hearing on a Proposed Tax Rate Increase:

- i. Open a Public Hearing on a FY2023/2024 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.0735.
(Debt Rate: \$0.001 and Operations and Maintenance Rate: \$0.0725)
 - Public Meeting began at 6:05 p.m. There were no citizens at the meeting. Public Meeting remained open until 6:15 p.m. and there were no citizens that arrived during that time.
- ii. Consideration and possible action to adopt a tax rate.
 - A motion was made to approve the adoption of the proposed De Minimis Rate of \$0.0735. (M – SH, 2nd – DK, V – Unanimous)
- iii. Close a Public Hearing on a FY 2023/2024 Proposed Tax Rate. - Closed Public Hear at 6:15 p.m.

6:15 P.M. Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Commissioners As necessary, the meeting may start at a later time to commence immediately following the Public Hearing on the FY2023/2024 Proposed Tax Rate.

1. Call to Order. 6:15 p.m.

2. Roll call and certification of quorum.

Commissioners Present:

Virgil Flathouse (VF)
Debbie Kasper (DK)
Steve Hudson (SH)

Officers Present:

David Wilson (DW)
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3. Review and Approve Minutes for the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting and the August 1, 2023, Budget Workshop.

- A motion was made to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023, Regular Meeting and the August 1, 2023, Budget Workshop. (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 it is 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.

- Several community residents were present for this evening's meeting. These citizens would like the opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners with their concerns in regard to the possible purchase of property for Station 903 which is located near their homes.

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. Receive Updates and Possibly Take Action on Real Property Related to Fire Station 903* – Chief Wilson updated the Board of Commissioners that we are still waiting on the results of our feasibility report. Which should be ready for us in the next week or so.

7. Approval of Invoices Over \$2,000 – No Action Taken

8. Fire Chief's Report – Chief Wilson reviewed the events of interest during the month of July, and provided updates on District activities, and statistics from the previous month.

- a. Operations Report - Chief Wilson presented statistics for the month of July.
- b. ESD CC Travis County Presentation - Chief Wilson presented statistics for the month of July.
- c. Financial Reports - Chief Wilson reviewed the financial reports with the Board.

9. Executive Session – No executive session this evening.

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 the Executive Session.

- a. Tex Govt. Code Section §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney)
- b. Tex Govt. Code Section §551.072 (Deliberations About Real Property)

10. Set Date and Time of future ESD No. 9 Meetings. – A Special meeting shall be announced once we receive the feasibility report back. The department will announce this special meeting once we have the results. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held September 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment. 6:48 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, Board Secretary