



TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6

Regular Session Minutes Thursday, August 25, 2022

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the regular session meeting of Travis County ESD No. 6 was called to order by Commissioner Barr at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, 2022 at Lake Travis Fire Rescue Headquarters, 15304 Pheasant Lane, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78734.

Commissioner Paula S. Barr	President	Present
Commissioner Shiloh Newman	Vice President	Present
Commissioner Matt Womack	Treasurer	Absent
Commissioner Larry Sartin	Assistant Treasurer	Present
Commissioner Jessica Clinton	Secretary	Absent

2. Safety awareness

The Fire Chief commented that the community is not in the clear due to recent rains because vegetation does not accept the rain because the ground is too dry for penetration, so the wildland fire danger risk is still high.

3. Public comment

None.

CONSENT

4. Approve the minutes of the Thursday, July 28, 2022 Regular Session

5. Approve the July 2022 Financial Report

6. Approve the July 2022 Investment Report

7. Approve expenditures over \$2,000

MOTION: Approve Consent Items 4-7 as presented.
RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
SECONDER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin
ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

8. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on District’s FY 2023 Benefit Plans: Medical, Dental, Vision, Life (Basic and Optional) and Long-Term Disability

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
Fire Chief Abbott
Human Resource Manager Deeny
Erica Alejandro, Gallagher Insurance
Mariela Guajardo, Gallagher Insurance

MOTION: Approve the FY 2023 recommendations of United Healthcare for Medical, Dental, Vision Insurance and COBRA administration, MetLife for Life Insurance (Basic and Optional), The Hartford for Long Term Disability Insurance, Alliance Work Partners for Employee Assistance Program and Ameriflex for Flexible Spending Accounts.
RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
SECONDER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin
ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

9. Discuss FY 2023 Preliminary 10-Year Financial Plan and Capital Improvement Plan

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
Fire Chief Abbott
Chief Financial Officer Smith

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

10. Discuss and/or take appropriate action on proposal of ad valorem tax rates for 2022

- No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates and publication
- Proposed tax for 2022

- Record Vote

Members of the Board heard from:

Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Propose that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate for 2023 of \$0.0867 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable value with the tax rate for Debt Service of \$0.0021 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable value and the tax rate for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) of \$0.0846 per one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of taxable value, and that these proposed tax rates be placed as an action item on the agenda of a meeting of the Board of Commissioners to be held in September 2022.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS BY RECORD VOTE)**

MOVER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President

SECONDER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer

AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin

ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

11. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on scheduling one public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for 2022 and a meeting to vote on the adoption of proposed tax rate

- Record Vote

Members of the Board heard from:

Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve the scheduling of the public hearing and the meeting at which the Board will vote on the adoption of the proposed tax rates. The Board orders Public Hearing as per Truth-in-Taxation statutes, to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 12 p.m. and the meeting to vote on the adoption of the proposed ad valorem tax rates on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 1 p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS BY RECORD VOTE)**

MOVER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President

SECONDER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer

AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin

ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

12. Executive Session (No public discussion on these items)

The Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 Board of Fire Commissioners will consider the following items in Executive Session. The Commissioners may also consider any other matter 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 §551.072: Deliberation about real property

- B. Tex Govt. Code §551.071: Consult with attorneys – Regarding all matters as authorized by law
- C. Consults with attorneys – Regarding personnel procedures update

RESULT: NO ACTION TAKEN

13. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on personnel procedures

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President

RESULT: DISCUSSED

14. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Board Educational Sub-Committees' work

- Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Citizen's Education Forum (CEF) and Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

RESULT: TABLED

15. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Overdose Reduction Program

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
Fire Chief Abbott

MOTION: Approves LTFR's participation in the Overdose Reduction Program.

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer

SECONDER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President

AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin

ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

16. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on AIRIA Spatial Analytics Platform Pilot Program

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
Fire Chief Abbott
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve the AIRIA Spatial Analytics Platform Pilot Program as a one-year pilot program in FY 2023 and authorizes the Board President to sign the agreement once vetted by attorney.

RESULT: APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)

MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Assistant Treasurer
SECONDER: Commissioner Shiloh Newman, Vice President
AYES: Paula S. Barr, Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin
ABSENT: Matt Womack, Jessica Clinton

17. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Texas State Association of Fire Emergency Districts (SAFE-D)

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President

RESULT: DISCUSSED

18. Fire Chief comments

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: DISCUSSED

19. Commissioners interests and future agenda items

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr, President

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

09-22-2022

Date of Approval



Shiloh Newman, Vice President