



**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES
DISTRICT NO. 6**

**Regular Session Minutes
Thursday, August 24, 2023**

1. Call to Order

With a quorum present, the regular session meeting of Travis County ESD No. 6 was called to order by Commissioner Newman at 1:02 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Lake Travis Fire Rescue Headquarters, 15304 Pheasant Lane, Austin, Travis County, Texas 78734.

Commissioner Shiloh Newman	President	Present
Commissioner Larry Sartin	Vice President	Present
Commissioner Matt Womack	Treasurer	Present
Commissioner Jessica Clinton	Secretary-Asst. Treasurer	Absent
Commissioner Paula S. Barr	Board Member	Present

2. Safety awareness

Fire Chief Abbott spoke about the wildland fire safety and said that everyone should have a plan if they have to leave their home due a wildland fire. The District has had three to four weeks with no rain.

3. Public comment

None.

CONSENT

4. Approve the minutes of the Tuesday, July 25, 2023 Regular Session

5. Approve the July 2023 Financial Report

6. Approve the July 2023 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 Paula S. Barr
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack, Paula S. Barr
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton

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

- Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Legislative Strategic Plan

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr
Fire Chief Abbott
Legislative Educational Consultant Debbie Mitchell

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

- Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Citizen's Advisory Committee

RESULT: **TABLED**

9. Discuss FY 2024 Preliminary 10-Year Financial and Capital Improvement Plan

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr
Fire Chief Abbott
Chief Financial Officer Smith

10. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Truth-in-Taxation process

- No-New-Revenue and Voter-Approval tax rates and publication
- Proposed tax rate for 2023
- Record Vote

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Proposes that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a total tax rate for 2023 of \$0.0831 per one hundred dollars of taxable value with the tax rate for Debt Service of \$0.0009 per one hundred dollars of taxable value and the tax rate for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) of \$0.0822 per one hundred dollars 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 2023.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

11. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on scheduling one public hearing regarding the proposed tax rate for 2023 and the meeting to vote on adoption of proposed tax rate for 2023

- Record Vote

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Paula S. Barr
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: The Board approves 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 Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting to vote on the adoption of the proposed ad valorem tax rates on Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 1 p.m.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

14. 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 §551.074: Deliberation about personnel matters
- B. Tex Govt. Code §551.072: Deliberation about real property
- C. Tex Govt. Code §551.071: Consult with attorneys – Regarding any matters on this agenda

RESULT: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

15. Discuss and/or take appropriate action to authorize the District’s attorney to file suit for declaratory and other relief regarding the applicability and scope of any exemption from regulation provided by Texas Education Code Chapter 27 to the Blaze School located on a private road in the vicinity of Crumley Ranch Road

MOTION: Authorize the District’s attorney to file suit for declaratory and other relief regarding the

applicability and scope of any exemption from regulation provided by Texas Education Code Chapter 27 to the Blaze School located on a private road in the vicinity of Crumley Ranch Road.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Paula S. Barr
SECONDER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack, Paula S. Barr
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton

16. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the City of Bee Cave and the District for the Preliminary Design and Planning Phase of the Joint Facilities Project

RESULT: **TABLED**

17. Discuss and/or take appropriate action regarding acquisition of real property

Members of the Board heard from:
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve the Shared Equity Interlocal Agreement by and between the City of Bee Cave and Travis County Emergency Services District No. 6 for the Purchase of Real Estate for the Joint Facilities Project.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**
MOVER: Commissioner Larry Sartin, Vice President
SECONDER: Commissioner Paula S. Barr
AYES: Shiloh Newman, Larry Sartin, Matt Womack, Paula S. Barr
ABSENT: Jessica Clinton

18. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) with Travis County for the use and operation of heavy machinery

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Matt Womack, Treasurer
Fire Chief Abbott

RESULT: Discussed

12. Approve PNC Bank Resolution designating authorized signators on the District checking account: Operating (Main) Account

Members of the Board heard from:
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve and authorize the indicated District agents to execute the resolution in the form presented to the board, designating signatories on accounts and those with authority to act with respect to the accounts of the District, all as provided in such resolution.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

13. Approve TexPool Resolution for authorized users on TexPool accounts

Members of the Board heard from:
Chief Financial Officer Smith

MOTION: Approve and authorize the indicated District agents to execute the resolution in the form presented to the board, designating signatories on accounts and those with authority to act with respect to the accounts of the District, all as provided in such resolution.

RESULT: **APPROVED (UNANIMOUS)**

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

19. Update, discuss and/or take appropriate action on Travis County ESD Commissioners Council (ESDCC)

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

RESULT: **DISCUSSED**

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

- Commissioner training opportunities

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

RESULT: **NONE TO BE DISCUSSED**

21. Fire Chief's Report

- Standard of Cover Update
- Community Risk Assessment update

Members of the Board heard from:
Fire Chief Robert B. Abbott

RESULT: DISCUSSED

22. Commissioners interests and future agenda items

Members of the Board heard from:
Commissioner Shiloh Newman, President
Chief Financial Officer Smith

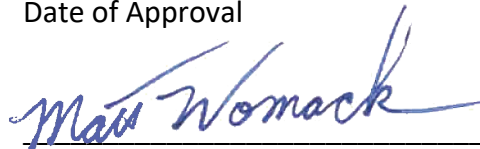
RESULT: DISCUSSED

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Approved by the Board of Commissioners:

09-26-23

Date of Approval

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matt Womack". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Matt Womack, Treasurer