

TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 13

Ad Valorem and Tax Rate Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024

1. Call to order and establish a quorum. The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 13 (ESD 13) met for their monthly meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Lund, Texas. Commissioner Douglas called meeting to order at 7:06 pm and declared a quorum with the following ESD 13 Commissioners attending: Johnson, Lundgren, and Anderson.
2. Recognition of citizens. None
3. Discuss, review, and take action on Proposed Tax Rate for Tax Year 2025. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Adjourn. Commissioner Douglas adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Regular Meeting Minutes - September 9, 2024

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2. Recognition of Citizens; General and Agenda Comments. None.
3. Review Minutes of the August 5, 2024 regular monthly meeting and take appropriate action. Commissioner Lundgren made the motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Review Treasurer's Report and take appropriate action. Commissioners discussed the sales tax fluctuation of recent years. The Treasurer's Report from the August meeting has been corrected to \$531,343.23, reflecting the July numbers. Commissioner Lundgren made the motion to approve the corrected August Treasurer's Report and current September Treasurer's Report, Commissioner Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
5. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding outstanding bills. Commissioner Anderson made the motion to approve the following payments: Elgin Courier (\$60), Travis Central Appraisal District (\$351.32), BAT1 (\$25,000), and Emily Erickson (\$1,550). Commissioner Lundgren seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on bank accounts, if needed. None.
7. Report from Service Providers:
 - Report from BAT1 First Responders:
Call volume increased dramatically in August as well as overlapping calls. Hiring is going well as outlined in the report, consisting of written and physical agility tests, interview, background check, job offer, and onboarding. New hires include

established firefighters and new graduates from ACC. New apparatus should arrive by the end of September. Onboarding volunteers with the new system. Station 6 in McDade is fully staffed again. Recent community trainings include heat-related emergencies, snake bites, and wildland firefighting. Various community events took place as listed on the report. School walk-throughs took place for emergency responders and police department to review safety, access, fire code issues, and potential issues to be addressed. Medical physicals have been completed (Frontline administered it). October 1 - new hires, opening up prevention office, new fire code (that will stop at the Bastrop County line and not go into Travis County). Wobus is an advanced EMT. Staff member has trained as a Paramedic. August 30, all paid personnel started the advanced EMT class, and will be certified by November. Equipment will be very expensive but will greatly improve response capability. Badge will be updated to include Travis County again. Discussion of land acquisition possibilities. Discussion of proposed new ESD, Bastrop ESD #3. Smithville and Bastrop opted in, Elgin opted out. Related discussion took place regarding Acadian ambulance availability, plus the Acadian contract is up in May 2025. ESD #3 would include 85 personnel, 10 ambulances, 9 stations. \$14 million funded by property taxes, will cover all of Bastrop County (but not Elgin city limits and jurisdiction).

- Report from Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services System. None
 - Report from any Travis County Emergency Services District. None
8. Report on Travis County Fire Chief Meetings. Meeting next week on Sept. 16. Strategy meeting took place last week.
 9. Consider, discuss and take appropriate action on soliciting proposals for selecting an Auditor of Year Ending 2024. Commissioner Douglas will reach out to Montemayor Britton.
 10. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding the following items:
 - BAT1's Assessment I Strategic Plan
 - Identify November dates for a workshop with BAT1/ESD1. Commissioners are asked to pick Nov. 2, 9, or 16 for the workshop. (BAT1 is unavailable for Nov. 23.)
 - Reminder: Tax Rate Submission due no later than 09/30. Commissioner Douglas will submit it.
 - Future Agenda Items
 11. Other information requiring no action.
 12. Date of next meeting. October 7, 2024
 13. Executive Session. None.
 14. Adjourn. Commissioner Douglas adjourned the meeting at 8:42 pm

By: Emily Erickson for

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