

Minutes of Travis County Emergency Services District #3 December 17, 2007

Board President Bob Taylor called the Travis County Emergency Services District #3 (TCESD 3) Board of Commissioners' regular meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A quorum was established. Attending were Commissioners David Luther, Bob Taylor, John Villanacci, Edd New, and Rick Coneway.

Fire department personnel present at the meeting included: Fire Chief Warren; Assistant Fire Chiefs Elliot and Wittig; Fire Marshal Lacey; District Chiefs Deming and Plumlee; and PIO Warren.

Visitors included Chris Werth of Centex Homes; Cabot Wilkinson and Ryan Kiefer of Western States Fire Protection; Matt Moore of Stratus Properties; Harry Savio of Home Builders Association Greater Austin; and Garrett Knight.

Attached to and incorporated into these Minutes is a copy of the official Agenda for the December 17, 2007 meeting.

Under Agenda Item 3: Commissioner Luther moved to approve the minutes of the November 26th meeting with Commissioner Villanacci seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 4: Commissioner Villanacci moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 5: Matt Moore expressed the Stratus objection as being mainly economic. Harry Savio discounted Commissioner New's report of a dental facility fire, which incurred \$1 million damages because of lack of sprinklers as being commercial whereas the issue at hand was residential sprinklers. Ryan Kiefer spoke of sprinkler pricing as being 'up for debate'.

Under Agenda Item 6: Fire Marshal Lacey indicated that five workshops had been held: December 11th for Civil Engineers; December 12th (two – a.m. and p.m.) for local homeowners (Matt Moore attending); December 13th for homebuilders (Centex Homes, Russell Brian Bailey, Discovery, D.R. Horton, Western States Fire Protection attending); and December 14th for water suppliers (LCRA, MUD4, Aqua Texas, LJ Engineers, WSFP attending).

Commissioners Taylor and New reported a meeting with MUD4 at which the problems quoted appeared to be that of government control not water infrastructure.

Commissioners Taylor and Coneway met with Harry Savio and the HBA.

There was some discussion about the possibility of using tax abatements as an incentive to have sprinklers installed.

Commissioner Coneway asked FM Lacey to have the various versions of an amending order to the fire code in their hands approximately two weeks before the next board meeting and Commissioner Taylor requested Chief Warren and FM Lacey to give their recommendations.

Under Agenda Item 7: Commissioner New moved to table the check authorization procedure until further investigation into the legal aspects is complete. Commissioner Coneway seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 8: This item was tabled

Under Agenda Item 9: Commissioner Villanacci moved to approve a Letter of Agreement between Oak Hill and Westlake Fire Departments reassigning responsibility of the Training Division to the Operations Assistant Chief for 2008. Commissioner Luther seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 10: Fire Chief Warren presented the ESD Summary Report.

Under Agenda Item 11: Assistant Chief Wittig presented a report on the Mackey Field Project.

Under Agenda Item 15: There were no visitor or Oak Hill Fire Department communications other than those reported above.

Under Agenda Item 16: There were no general announcements.

Under Agenda Item 17: President Taylor announced the next regular meeting would be held on January 28th 2008

The general meeting was recessed at 9.05 p.m. at which time the Board went into closed session to discuss a legal and personnel matter.

The closed session was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

The general session was reconvened at 10:08 p.m.

There were no board actions as a result of the closed session.

Under Agenda Item 18: On a motion made by Commissioner New and seconded by Commissioner Villanacci, the general meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rick Coneway, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
(Minutes taken by Madeline Miller and Robert Taylor)

Approved by Board of Commissioners:

Representative Commissioner: _____ (Signature)
(Printed Name) _____

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No.3 will hold a regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007 in the Community Room of Travis County ESD3 Station 2, located at 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas. The subject of and matters to be considered at said meeting would include, among other business, the following:

1. Call to Order.
2. Roll Call and Establish Quorum.
3. Review and approve minutes of the November 26th 2007 meeting
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Receive comments from community and interested parties concerning the proposed amendments to the District's Fire Code, which would require domestic water-based sprinklers in all new residential construction.
6. Receive reports from Fire Marshal/District Chief Lacey on meetings and workshops held related to residential sprinklers and reports from Commissioners Taylor, New, and Coneway on meetings with interested parties to receive input on the subject. Receive from Fire Marshal/District Chief Lacey comments and recommendations as to changes in the proposed amending order options and his responses or recommendations to specific points raised by groups giving input during the various meetings. Discuss as necessary all information received to date and any additional that may be needed before the January, 2008 meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
7. Authorize checks for payment of Invoices/bills > \$2,000:
 - a. Invoice from the Gillingwater Excavation contract for the Mackey Field Project.
 - b. Invoice for first quarter 2008 consulting to Tax Revenue Consultants.
8. Discuss and possibly authorize the delegation of authority to execute payments incurred with the Mackey Field Project.
9. Review and possible approval of the amended Interlocal Service Agreement to reassign the Training Division to the Operations Chief.
10. Fire Chief's ESD3 Summary Report.
11. Mackey Field Project update.
12. Report from the President on the December 1st meeting of the ESD Commissioners Council and the status of the draft Omnibus Interlocal Agreement process.
13. Executive Session to discuss matters concerning pending or contemplated litigation, real property, or personnel, as authorized pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071, et seq.
14. Consider and take appropriate action on matters discussed in Executive Session.
15. Visitor or other Oak Hill Fire Department communications.
16. General announcements.
17. Announcement of future meeting dates of the Board of Emergency Service District #3 Commissioners.
18. Adjournment.

By: _____ Madeline Miller, Business Manager

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 (Deliberations about Security Devices).
Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3 is committed to compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Reasonable modification and equal access to communications will be provided upon request. Please call the District Administrative Office at 288-5534 for information. Hearing impaired or speech disabled persons equipped with telecommunication devices for the deaf may call the statewide Relay Program at 1-800-735-2988 or by dialing '711'.
Visitor Communications are regular agenda items at monthly meetings of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3. Visitors who wish to speak under Visitor's Communications must sign up before the meeting is called to order. Each person, organization or group wishing to address the Board will be allowed a maximum of three (3) minutes. Speakers may register in person at the posted location of the meeting, starting 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting and using the form provided. The speaker will give his/her name, address, organizational affiliation, if any, and indicate the subject he/she intends to address. The Board welcomes citizen comment on any issue, but the Open Meetings Act prohibits any board action on issues not posted on the agenda.

The undersigned affirms and states that he/she posted or caused to be posted a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice at a place convenient to the public at the Travis County ESD3 Administrative Office, 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Travis County, Texas, a location within said Travis County Emergency Services District Number 3 at _____ . M. on December 13, 2007. _____ Megan Lundquist, Office Manager