

Minutes of Travis County Emergency Services District #3

May 26, 2011

Attached to and incorporated into these minutes is a copy of the official agenda for the May 26th 2011 meeting.

Under Agenda Items 1 & 2: President Edd New called the Travis County Emergency Services District #3 (TCESD 3, the District) Board of Commissioners' special meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A quorum was established with Commissioners Bob Taylor, John Villanacci, Edd New; and Carroll Knight attending.

Fire department personnel present at the meeting included: Chief Warren; Assistant Chief Wittig; Business Mgr. Miller; District Chiefs Hartigan and Wilson; Captain Patton; Firefighters Bluemel, Grieser, and Schminke; and PIO Warren.

Under Agenda Item 3: President New announced that the County Commissioners need each Emergency Services District to rank proposals for some kind of county-wide department or provide a better solution, if anyone knows of one. The three proposals that emerged from the May 7th meeting of the Emergency Services Districts' Commissioners Council (ESDCC) are:

Travis County ESD 15 – “Overlay ESD”
Metro Fire Department
Travis County Fire Department

Commissioner Taylor refreshed all present with a review of each proposal, mentioning their structure, advantages, and hurdles. Commissioner Taylor fielded questions and general discussion developed. Also at hand, each commissioner had a summary of the Emergency Services Standards Advisory Team (ESSAT) responses to questions that had arisen during the May 7th meeting.

Commissioner Taylor moved to rank the Travis County Fire Department First; the Travis County ESD 15 Second; and the Metro Fire Department Third. Commissioner Villanacci requested a stipulation to be added regarding annexation issues. Commissioner Taylor then rephrased the motion to ‘rank the Travis County Fire Department First; the Travis County ESD 15 Second; and the Metro Fire Department Third with the proviso that an agreement to resolve annexation issues must be reached if either Travis County Fire Department or Travis County ESD 15 is ranked Number One by a majority of Travis County ESDs’. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 4: Commissioner Taylor moved to authorize President New to put out feelers to other contiguous ESDs regarding possible discussions of management-sharing plans and to arrange with the board of Travis County ESD9 (TCESD9) to meet and discuss ESD3's and ESD9's mutual goals and to make TCESD9 aware of the proposed contacts with other ESDs. Commissioner Villanacci seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Under Agenda Item 5: There were no closed meetings.

Under Agenda Item 6: There being no further business, Commissioner Villanacci moved to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Commissioner Knight seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Knight, Commissioner
(Minutes taken by Madeline Miller)

Approved by Board of Commissioners: _____ (Date)

Representative Commissioner: _____ (Signature)

(Printed Name) _____

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 3 (TCESD3) will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 26, 2011 in the Community Room of TCESD3 Station 302 located at 4111 Barton Creek Boulevard, Austin, Travis County, Texas. The subject of and matters to be considered at said meeting include, among other business, the following:

1. Call to order.
2. Proof of quorum.
3. Discuss and rank proposals for future of ESDs in Travis County
4. Discuss and take appropriate action on management arrangements and/or other relationships with other Travis County ESDs.
5. Consider and take appropriate action on any matters discussed in Closed Meeting(s).
6. Adjourn.

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 May 23, 2011.

_____ Megan Lundquist, Office Manager