

**TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 8**

**AGENDA**

**Special Meeting**

**August 7, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on **Monday, August 7, 2023 at 10:00 am.**, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Board Present in Person:**

Charles Valadez – President - Becky Wynn – Vice President, Debra Opdahl

**Board Absent**

Treasurer, Matt Coffel – Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, Bruce Mills- Secretary

**Also present in person:**

Tony Haden, Lynnette Courtney, Brian Storer, Sheila Prince

2. Public Comment: Members of the public may speak for up to three (3) minutes regarding general topics or specific agenda items. In accordance with the Texas Attorney General's opinion, any public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will only be heard by the Board of Commissioners. No formal action, discussion, deliberation, nor comment will be made by the Board of Commissioners;

None.

3. Public Comment on Agenda items: Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes per person per agenda item. Individuals may address the Board once per item. Members of the public will speak on agenda items before Board consideration of item. Members of the public who wish to speak on agenda items or make a public comment must complete speaker cards prior to the beginning of the Board meetings;

None.

**Discussion/Action Items**

4. Consider taking action to approve F.Y. 2023-2024 budget.

Chief Haden commented that in the Board packet, the last page in the capital items is for ordering a tender. Cost/money for this item will not show up until the 2024-2025 budget, but we will need to order this FY.

The other item added to the budget is a tethered drone. The drone is tethered to the Battalion Chief's apparatus but could be tethered to any apparatus. This would allow us to see our difficult terrain and above the tree line.

The cost of a drone is estimated at \$50,000. Chief Kubin looked at these vendors and this is the standard for our industry.

No action was taken on the budget.

5. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2023 tax rate, including:

- a. Establishing proposed tax rate.

Debra Opdahl asked if the Board had any questions on setting the proposed tax rate at \$0.081. No questions.

Chief Haden stated that we have worked with Jennifer at John Carltons office, Jeff

Hunt, and the Tax Assessors office to make sure that none of our tax proposals will trigger an election.

Debra Opdahl made a motion to set the 2023/2024 proposed tax rate at \$0.081 per 100 dollars. Becky Wynn voted yes. Charles Valadez voted yes. Debra Opdahl voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing.

Debra Opdahl made a motion to set a Public Hearing to be held at the September Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 7:00pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff, Texas 78669. Becky Wynn voted yes. Charles Valadez voted yes. Debra Opdahl voted yes. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. Authorizing publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper.

Debra Opdahl stated we must publish the notice in the Lake Travis View. The Board had no questions. Debra Opdahl made the motion to authorize publication of "Notice of Meeting on Tax Rate" in the Lake Travis View. Becky Wynn seconded motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice about 2023 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

There were no questions or discussion.

Debra Opdahl made the motion to acknowledge and approve the posting of the "Notice about 2023 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Meeting on Tax Rate" to home page of District website. Becky Wynn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Discuss agenda, time and date for next meeting.

The next regular meeting will be held on August 14, 2023, at 7:00pm at 801 Bee Creek Road, Briarcliff, Texas 78669.

7. Adjourn. 10:23am

A packet containing all supportive documentation for this agenda is available for inspection at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



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Secretary for  
Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8