

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

### **Minutes**

**August 5, 2025**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District No. 8 was held on **Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at 10:15 a.m.**, at Station 801, located at 801 Bee Creek Road, Spicewood, Texas 78669, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 10:15 a.m.

#### **Board Present in Person:**

Debra Opdahl – President  
Becky Wynn – Treasurer  
Bruce Mills- Vice President (left at 10:40am)  
Bruce Goodhartz, Secretary

#### **Board Absent**

Charles Valadez – , Asst. Secretary/Treasurer

#### **Also present in person:**

Fire Chief Tony Haden, DoA Lynnette Courtney, Mike Barker

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 meeting.

None.

### **Discussion/Action Items**

4. Consider taking action regarding 2025-26 budget;

Lynnette Reviewed:

No changes to revenues

Proposed tax rate of .0885 with a debt service rate of .004515 for a total tax rate .093515.

Human Resources:

The calculation for company payroll tax was added- It was left off at the budget workshop

Administration:

The board directed staff to recategorize items to professional services or administrative cost. That change was made. Category 5075 Professional Services will be reflected in Budget 2025-2026.

Staff asked the board for direction on renaming 2 line items. Annual banquet and recognition. A discussion was had.

The Board directed staff to rename annual banquet to Employee recognition and recognition to Acknowledgement/appreciation.

Capital Outlay-

Staff worked to organize Capital outlay from the budget workshop. Staff removed repairs and remodel of station 802 and increased the amount to replace squad 803.

Debra Opdahl asked that staff work with the district's attorney to change the language for the remodel/expansion of station 801 to a district facilities remodel and expansion Debra also asked that staff work with the attorney to include a bid alternative for the future board meetings that will include options for repairs at station 802.

Boat 801 options are still being explored which include repairs/refurbishment, a temporary loaner boat, or purchase of another boat. The \$275,000 is what staff recommends within the budget to meet the district's needs for a boat.

The Board thanked staff for their hard work and requested updates on the boat options as they become available.

The board also thanked staff for answering their questions and suggestions from the budget workshop. No other questions were asked.

Bruce Mills made a motion to approve the budget for FY 2025-2026. Bruce Goodhartz second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Debra Opdahl reviewed the resolution adopting Budget for FY 2025-2026 Bruce Mills made a motion to approve resolution to adopt the FY 2025/2026 budget. Bruce Goodhartz seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

- Becky Wynn- Yes
- Debra Opdahl- Yes
- Bruce Goodhartz- Yes
- Bruce Mills- Yes

The motion passed unanimously. The resolution was then signed and notarized.

5. Discuss and consider taking action regarding 2025 tax rate, including:

- Establishing proposed tax rate;

Lynnette reviewed the suggested tax rate of .0885 with a debt service rate of .004515 for a total tax rate .093515. Debra Opdahl made a motion to establish a proposed tax rate of .0885 with a debt service rate of .004515 for a total tax rate .093515. per \$100 for the FY 2025-2026. Bruce Goodhartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously

- Taking record vote and scheduling public hearing;  
A roll call vote was taken.
  - Becky Wynn- Yes
  - Debra Opdahl- Yes
  - Bruce Goodhartz- Yes
  - Bruce Mills- Left the diocese before the vote (absent)

The motion passed unanimously

- Authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper; and
- Acknowledging and approving posting of "Notice About 2024 Tax Rates" and "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" to home page of District website.

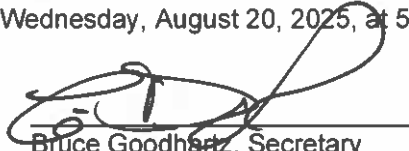
Becky Wynn made a motion to authorizing expense and publication of "Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase" in the Newspaper; and approve the posting of the notice about 2025-2026 tax rates and notice of public hearing on tax increases on the district website. Bruce Goodhartz second the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A roll call vote was taken.

- Becky Wynn- Yes
- Debra Opdahl- Yes
- Bruce Goodhartz- Yes

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

- The next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 5:15pm

7. Meeting adjourned at 10:44am.



Bruce Goodhartz, Secretary  
Travis County ESD #8

