

## TRAVIS COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT 14

The Board of Commissioners of Travis County Emergency Services District 14 held a regular board meeting at Volente Fire Hall located at 15406 FM 2769, Volente, TX 78641  
Meeting Date: Wednesday May 18, 2011 Time: 7:00 PM

### *MINUTES, Approved*

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Vice President Tanous called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Four commissioners were present: Tanous, Jordan, Blunt and Moore, forming a quorum. Commissioner Stevenson was absent. The District's attorney, Ken Campbell, was in attendance, as well as VVFD Fire Chief Groman, VVFD board President Scott Spurlin and VVFD board Vice President Gary Potts.

2. Citizen Comment

None received.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes of ESD 14 meetings of 4/21/11 and 5/12/11

A motion to approve the minutes of both 4/21/11 and of 5/12/11 was made by Jordan, seconded by Blunt, and approved by voice vote.

4. Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jordan presented her written report for October 2010 through April 2011, attached by reference. A motion to approve the Treasurer Report was made by Moore, seconded by Blunt, and approved by voice vote.

5. Receive and review reports from VFD Fire Chief and VFD Board

VVFD Fire Chief Groman reviewed items from his written report of May 4, 2011. Gary Potts and Scott Spurlin reviewed recent activities of the VVFD board of directors. At their most recent meeting, the VVFD board passed a motion to approve amending their salaries budget for the current fiscal year by \$60,000 to add a third paid position, subject to approval of the ESD. Their board also authorized the Chief to prepare an operational plan for working with ESD 6 for enhanced automatic aid and mutual aid response.

6. Receive and discuss updates on negotiations with City of Cedar Park on a contract for emergency services, and action(s) regarding same

At the request of Commissioner Tanous, attorney Ken Campbell gave a review of recent negotiations with City of Cedar Park. ESD 14 had determined the cost to Cedar Park for servicing the area was less than \$100,000 per year but had offered \$225K during negotiations. Cedar Park staff had indicated to Commissioners Stevenson and Tanous that a figure of \$300,000 might be acceptable to the city. Following the special meeting of Thursday, 5/12/2011, Commissioners Stevenson and Tanous relayed a board-approved offer of \$262,500, to be comprised of both property tax and sales tax revenue, to Cedar Park. This figure was "splitting the difference" between the ESD's previous offer of \$225,000 and the city's figure of \$300,000. The ESD was later told that the Cedar Park City Council discussed the offer in a closed session during their 5/12/2011 meeting, but that the Council took no action. Subsequently, the sales tax election on Saturday, 5/14/2011 failed to pass. Commissioner Tanous offered that he and Commissioner Stevenson had talked to Cedar Park this week and the city manager asked if the ESD's offer was still valid. The response to Cedar Park was that the offer is valid, but without the sales tax component since the measure did not pass. The ESD's offer would be \$162,500 without the sales tax component. In response to a question from Commissioner Moore, Campbell responded that the

7. Discussion and possible action(s) on revisions to the ESD No. 14 budget and to the Volente VFD budget

Commissioner Blunt made a motion that the ESD approve a change to the VVFD budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 to increase the salaries expense by \$60,000 for the remainder of the fiscal year to allow addition of a third paid firefighter/EMT position, and that the ESD budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 be revised to reflect an increase in the expense of the VVFD contract by \$60,000 and to reduce the expense for the Cedar Park contract by the same amount. The motion was seconded by Moore and approved by voice vote with none opposed.

Chief Groman will prepare revised budget documents reflecting these changes.

8. Consideration and possible action(s) regarding implementation of a second emergency services station (Planning Committee alternative recommendation)

No action taken under this item.

9. Consideration and possible action regarding Agreement Between ESD 14 and Volente VFD for Fire Protection and First Responder Emergency Medical Services

Commissioner Moore asked VVFD board President Spurlin about the status of revisions to the contract which had been proposed to VVFD. Spurlin responded that the VVFD board had retained an attorney to review the revised document but the review has not been performed yet. The current contract remains in force on a month to month basis.

10. Consideration and possible action regarding an agreement between ESD No. 14 and ESD No. 6  
No discussion or action under this item.

11. Consideration, discussion, actions and orders regarding canvassing of the sales tax election of May 14, 2011

Attorney Campbell advised the ESD board that the Travis County Elections Division would have the official results on May 23, 2011. Once those results are received, the ESD needs to have special meeting to canvass the election results. It was determined to have the special meeting on May 24, 2011 to do so. Secretary Moore will post the meeting notice.

12. Reimbursement and Payment Requests

Treasurer Jordan presented the following for approval and payment:

\$ 1,417.50 to Hill Country News for publishing notice of the sales tax election;

\$ 21.00 reimbursement to Lonnie Moore for recording fees at the Travis County Clerk;

\$60,763.86 reimbursement to VVFD, per their written request;

\$ 100.00 to Travis County Clerk for the ESD's prepaid recording account;

\$ 2,000.00 to J. P. Ney, per contract.

A motion to approve all five payments was made by Moore, seconded by Blunt and approved by voice vote.

13. Adjournment

With no more business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51PM.