

**Travis County Emergency Service District #4  
Minutes of the April Commissioner's Meeting  
April 26, 2011**

The regular called meeting of the Travis County Emergency Service District #4 was held on Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at 12:30 PM at 11800 N. Lamar Blvd., Ste. 4B, Austin, TX. The President being in the chair and a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 12:37 PM.

**Present:** Commissioners Maple, Herman, Williams, and Wills (Comm. Wills at 12:45 PM)

**Not Present:**

**Visitors:** Chief Soliz, Bob Grady, Michelle McRae, Penny Freemyer, FF A. Liscano, Lt. O. Leon, Capt. V. Beals, FF A. Tapia, Asst. Ch. C. Botello, and Merrill Lynch/Bank of America representatives Ernest Frerking, Wasana Pangan, and Charlotte Logann.

**Presentation from Merrill-Lynch/Bank of America representatives.**

Ernest Frerking, our new financial advisor from Merrill-Lynch, introduced his assistant Wasana Pangan, and financial officer, Charlotte Logann. Mr. Frerking explained to the commissioners our investment limitations as written in the Travis County ESD #4 investment policy. Although the ESD #4 monies are safe, it was recommended that the investment policy might be amended to allow a broader choice of investments, but still be compliant with the Texas Public Fund Act. After discussion, it was decided to leave the investments as they stand, and for this item to be continued at the next meeting until more information could be gathered to consider various options. (Paperwork signed and given to Mr. Frerking to update our current commissioners on their records.)

**Approval of the minutes of the March 2011 regular meeting.**

After reviewing the March 2011 regular meeting minutes, Commissioner Williams made a motion to approve the March 2011 minutes as written. Commissioner Wills seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of the March 2011 treasurer's report.**

Bob Grady presented the commissioners with the March 2011 treasurer's report. After review and discussion, Commissioner Wills made a motion to approve the treasurer's report of March 2011, including expenditures over \$2,000., and approve the line item expenditures as reflected in attached treasurer's report pages. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and possible approval of a joint management agreement between Travis County ESD #4 and ESD #12.**

Chief Soliz discussed with the commissioners the possibility of a joint management agreement between Travis County ESD #4 and ESD #12. Chief Soliz and ESD #4 Commissioners Maple and Herman will meet with ESD #12 Commissioners Ron Fowler and Clem Zabalza to discuss the possible joint management. A meeting will be scheduled.

**Discussion and possible action of an automatic aid agreement.**

Chief Soliz shared with the commissioners a draft of an automatic aid agreement between ESD #4 and the City of Austin Fire Department. After discussion, Chief Soliz is authorized to proceed and schedule a meeting with AFD.

**Discussion of an ESDCC (Emergency Service District Council of Commissioners) conference on May 7, 2011.**

Commissioner Herman discussed with the commissioners the importance of attending the upcoming meeting regarding the future of Travis County ESD's. A work session agenda was distributed. All commissioners are encouraged to participate.

**Department updates.**

Commissioner Maple updated the commissioners on the following items:

- Letters from Commissioners Ron Davis (Pct. 1) and Karen Huber (Pct. 3) encouraging commissioners to attend the May 7 ESDCC meeting
- Update regarding Mr. Gordon Bergh from Long Canyon subdivision and his attempt to organize a provider of service agreement

Chief Soliz updated the commissioners on the following items:

- Thank you from the Austin Asian American Chamber of Commerce
- Thank you from State Representative Donna Howard
- Thank you from SFFMA for the cadet participation on Firefighter Legislation Day
- Southwest Water needed more information for the sprinkler system of the living quarters for the St. 1 remodeling
- Electric and utilities be ready in a few weeks for temporary quarters at St. 1
- Draft of the Budget for 2012 is being developed
- Cadet Class XI was presented to the Commissioners Court
- Cadet graduation April 27

**Executive Session.**

Commissioner Maple made a motion to move to executive session. Commissioners adjourned to executive session at 2:17 PM.

**Public Session.**

Commissioners returned to public session at 2:26 PM.

In executive session, the following item was discussed:

- Personnel issue

No other business was discussed or votes taken.

Next commissioner's meeting will be May 25, 2011.

Commissioner Maple made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:27 PM.