

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE**

**August 20, 2020**

**In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue was held at 7120 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Somerset, TX 78069 at 6:00 pm on August 20, 2020.**

**This meeting was conducted in person as well as via Zoom Link.**

**Board members and the public were able to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 87959708937, and password 159223.**

**A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.**

*Effective March 16, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott authorized the temporary suspension of some of the statutory provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law. This meeting of the Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue Board of Directors is being held pursuant to this authorization and will limit face-to-face meeting to slow the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID19).*

**1) Call the meeting to order and establish a quorum.**

*The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.*

**2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer**

*Pledge was led by Director Dalros and prayer was led by Director Pierce.*

**3) Consent Agenda:**

**a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop on July 16, 2020, and Special Meeting on July 23, 2020**

*Motion by Director Pierce to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.*

**b) Review and approval of financials**

*Motion by Director Dalros to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.*

The Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of the meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above should such action be necessary as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.074 (Personnel Matters) or 551.087 (Economic Development) and any other provision under Texas Law that permits this governmental body to discuss a matter in a closed session. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

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**4) Chief's Report; including requests for funds, if any; and Department and Operations report with action taken as necessary.**

*Chief Estep reported no accident billing collections for last month; Minipumper is still getting warranty work done; new Ford F450 BT is in service but still needs lighting; training and staffing briefing; and call volumes per station. Station 119, 179 calls in July with an average response time of 8:00 minutes. Station 140 with 40 calls with an average response time of 7:00 minutes. Station 141 with 48 calls with an average response time of 6:30.*

*Chief Estep advised the board that he will be spending approximately \$10,000 for 5 new sets of bunker gear. He noted over \$19,000 remains in that budget line item. No action necessary.*

**5) Action items:**

**a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, and any other matters related thereto**

*Chief Estep gave the board a brief update saying he has been in contact with LK Travis regarding the platting process and the design phase. Director Postert said he signed LK's contract. Director Dalros asked Chief to get a timeline from LK Travis. Director Flores asked if the septic and water was included in the final price. Chief said it was.*

**b) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-08846**

*This item was taken in Executive Session citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.*

**c) Discuss and consider options and dates for the Annual Firefighter Appreciation Dinner with action taken as necessary**

*There was a brief discussion on how the pandemic might affect the banquet and the possibility of just having something in-house. The board asked Chief Estep to research possible locations and availability.*

**7) Adjourn:**

*Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.*

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