

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING



APPROVED

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
December 17, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 conducted a Regular Meeting at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on December 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

This meeting was held via Zoom Link as well as in person. Board members and the public could 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 Emergency Services District No. 5 Board of Commissioners 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 Bexar County Emergency Services District 5 meeting to order and establish a quorum.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce in person and Howard Dalros via Zoom.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Pledge recited.

3) Citizens to be heard: This item will be open for a maximum of 30 minutes with 3 minutes per speaker. (If there are more than 10 speakers, each will be given 2 minutes.)

There were no citizens to speak.

4) The Board will hear a brief presentation from R4 Strategies, Rudy Rodriguez, with action taken, if necessary

Rudy Rodriguez gave a brief update and then congratulated all the commissioners on being reappointed. It is noted that all commissioners (except Commissioner Dalros) were given their oath and sworn in just prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 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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5) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 19, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried.

6) Reports, presentations, and funding requests with action taken as appropriate:

(Reports should include: Financial reports (revenue and expenditures), Run Reports, Training Reports and Hours, Volunteer Hours)

a) Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue

Chief had nothing to report this month.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear was present via Zoom and had nothing to report. Lytle VFD's monthly paperwork reflected 45 calls for the month of November with an average response time of 9:04.

7) Action items: Consider, discuss, and action as appropriate.

a) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider contract for Lytle VFD

The service provider contract was presented to Lytle for review. No action taken.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding SOGs for contracted departments in regards to carrying a weapon while on duty

Commissioner Postert said he will work with legal counsel to draw up a policy for department SOGs that will state no guns will be allowed to be carried unless the firefighter is a licensed peace officer. No action taken.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the City of San Antonio in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-26125

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

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:07 pm.

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Meeting resumed in Open session at 6:18 pm.

Item 7c – Motion by Commissioner Schneider to proceed as directed in Executive Session. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

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