

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING



APPROVED

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #5
January 16, 2020

In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given that a REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District #5, was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 at 6:00 pm.

- 1) Call the Bexar County Emergency Services District 5 meeting to order and establish a quorum.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 to the American Flag.**

Commissioner Dalros led the pledge.

- 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 the board a brief presentation outlining the senators that he met with in regarding the annexations by the City of San Antonio.

Commissioner Postert asked Rudy to provide more detail on his invoices in the future.

- 5) The Board will hear a brief presentation from Acadian Ambulance Service, with action taken, if necessary**

Stephen Cope, Operations Manager for Acadian Ambulance Service, gave a brief overview of their service within the District 5 area. He said they have 40 ambulances around the county with 330 employees. Their contract calls for a 10:59 second or better response time and Mr. Cope said they consistently have about a 4-5 minute response in the neighborhoods and an 8-9 minute response in some of the more remote areas.

- 6) The Board receive a brief report from Chris Herrera, Office of Emergency Management,**

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Chris Herrera said the radio project is a few months behind schedule. He also said the NIMS requirements may change so for now, there is no deadline to take the courses.

7) Consent Agenda:

- a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 21, 2019 and the Special Meeting on December 18, 2019**

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

- b) Review and approval of financials**

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

8) 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 Estep deferred his report for the Fire & Rescue meeting.

- b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.**

Chief Dear was not present but the monthly paperwork submitted showed 64 calls for the month of December with an average response time of 10:36.

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

- a) Discussion and possible action regarding Bond election and/or financing of improvements, equipment, and/or land acquisition.**

No action taken on this item.

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the contract with Rudy Rodriguez, R4 Strategies**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- c) Personnel issues: Including but not limited to hiring, terminations, discipline, suspensions, and compensation, and any other related matters**

No action taken on this item.

- d) Discuss and consider adopting a policy for paid time off for full time admin**

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- e) **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.

- f) **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.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:17 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.074 Personnel Matters regarding items 9b, 9d, 9e, and 9f.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:51 pm.

9b – No action taken.

9d – No action taken.

9e – No action taken.

9f – No action taken.

- g) **Reminder of Safe-D Conference and action to set a date for the February regular meeting**

There was a discussion about the travel to Safe-D. Staff had quotes for car rental. Staff was directed to rent a full size SUV for travel to Safe-D.

No meeting date was set for the February meeting.

10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dalros. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider.

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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