

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE

January 16, 2020

In compliance with the provision of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given of a REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Directors of Bexar County Emergency Service District 5 Fire and Rescue, was held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on January 16, 2020 immediately following the meeting of the Commissioners of Bexar County ESD 5 scheduled for 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 and prayer

Director Dalros led the pledge and Director Pierce led the prayer.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on November 21, 2019

Motion by Director Schneider to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Pierce to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

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

Chief Estep gave his monthly report on insurance billings, training, public relations events, and the status of the apparatus. Chief told the board he would pull the Grumman engine out of the next vehicle auction so that it could be properly outfitted with safety equipment and used as a parade vehicle and to do the Santa runs or other PR events.

Calls reported for November and December were a total of 300 between all three stations with an average response time of 8:30 from Station 119, 5:30 from Station 140 and 6:25 from Station 141.

Chief Estep reported that both septic lift pumps are out at Station 140 and need to be replaced along with the control panel. There was one bid from Septic Solutions for \$8250. Another company, MJ Septic said they did not do that kind of work.

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Motion by Director Schneider to accept the bid from Septic Solutions in the amount of \$8250. Motion seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

5) Action items:

a) Discussion and possible action regarding future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, and any other matters related thereto

There was a brief discussion and review of an engineering report and estimates for water and septic service at the property. Chief Estep and Director Dalros expressed their recommendation of going with a private system for both water and sewer. No action was taken.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding reviewing proposal(s) for the possible purchase of a fire truck

Chief Estep presented a proposal from Lone Star Emergency Group for a Ferrara Ladder truck for \$709,346.00. It was noted that this proposal was done through HGAC Buyboard so no other proposals are required. Chief said this truck would replace the Daytona and the current ladder truck. These two trucks will be sold by Lone Star rather than a public auction to try to get more for them. Legal Counsel said other bids are not needed for financing, but the county judge does need to sign off on the purchase.

Motion by Director Schneider to authorize Chief to work with Legal Counsel to move forward on the process of purchasing the 2019 Ferrara HD77 Ladder truck in the amount of \$709,346.

Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding the fence construction at Station 119

Director Schneider received a price from Jozette for the barbed wire fence that was installed on Kinney Road for \$3489. Director Schneider priced the materials herself and without labor (since they did the work themselves), she came up with a price of \$1496 with half being approximately \$750. There was also a discussion about the fence encroaching on the department's property. Director Flores said he would go out and measure it tomorrow.

No action was taken.

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

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No action taken on this item.

6) Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

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