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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

May 27, 2021

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 May 27, 2021 immediately following the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors for Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue.

This meeting was held via Zoom Link as well as in person. Board members and the public were able to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 861 8839 7943, and passcode 718314. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 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.**

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 was present via Zoom. Rudy said he was at the Capital until the early morning hours this day to see what bills would pass and what bills would be dead. HB553 that has to do with the County Commissioner having to sign off on ESD's budgets died. Commissioner Postert asked about the handgun bill but Rudy said he would get back to him. He also told the board that he did submit the 5 year financial forecast to the city regarding the request to lift the \$20k debt cap. He will also need a copy of the 2020 audit once the board approves that. Nothing further to report and no action taken.

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5) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2021

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

b) Review and approval of financials

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

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

a) Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue

Chief Estep's report was covered in the previous meeting.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear said he would have a request for funds at the next meeting for a truck and hose.

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

a) Discussion and possible action to approve the annual financial audit and authorize distribution to the county to meet the June 1 deadline

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to approve the audit as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

b) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding financing the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area

This item was covered in the Fire Rescue meeting. No action taken.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding hiring a financial advisor

Legal Counsel, Woody Wilson, talked to the board about the benefits of hiring a financial advisor saying it would be useful when trying to secure new debt and also consolidating current debt. He said a FA would put together a package and then shop it to potential lenders. It was also mentioned that he only gets paid when a loan is secured and his fee would be rolled in as part of the note. The question was asked about Leal & Carter doing that for the District but Mr. Carter felt there could be a

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conflict. Commissioner Dalros said he did not see a need for that at this point and Commissioner Schneider also felt like it was something that could wait.

d) Discussion and possible action regarding a fence at Station 150 (Somerset0

This item was covered in the Fire Rescue meeting. No action taken.

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

No action on this item.

f) Discussion regarding ownership of the water main at Somerset station with action taken if appropriate

It was discussed that the ESD paid \$60,000 for the water main at the time the Somerset fire station was built and since they own the main, they could potentially charge for residents to tie into it. They would have to decide on a fee and then let SAWS know so that could be a part of the fee. Staff will try to find original paperwork and contact LK Travis, the architect, on the station at the time, if needed.

No action taken on this item.

g) Discussion and possible action regarding the continued use of Zoom to conduct the monthly meetings.

Motion by Commissioner Schneider to discontinue the use of Zoom for the monthly meetings. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

h)) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the City of San Antonio in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-26125 and Cause No. 2020-CI-24975

Legal Counsel told the board he filed the brief today. Nothing further to report.

No action taken.

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

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