

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE



APPROVED

January 21, 2021

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 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on January 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

1) Call the 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, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

Pledge recited and prayer led by Director Pierce.

3) Consent Agenda:

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

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Dalros 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 a report including billing and collections, training and public relations events during the holidays, status of apparatus, and staffing. Calls reported were Station 151 with 186 calls with an average response time of 7:30; Station 150 with 28 calls with an average response time of 7:00; and Station 152 with 41 calls with an average response time of 6:30. Chief reported 3522 calls total for 2020. He also told the board that while there was no banquet this year, they did do the firefighter awards. Fire Officer of the year was Elisha Herevia, Engineer was Vilomar Cantu, Firefighter of the year was Alexander Zueck, Rookie of the year was Brian Kurz, and Volunteer of the year was Rene Garza.

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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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**

There was a brief discussion about the platting process and the delay on the County's part. It was determined that the bidding process cannot begin until the platting is completed as that may add cost to the overall project. Timeline for completion of the station is still 10/1/2021.

Legal counsel confirmed that a building committee was not necessary.

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the competitive sealed proposal process. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Dalros that once plans are approved, Chief Estep and the Architect may move forward on putting the project out for construction proposal via Express News with recommendations to be brought back to the board for approval. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

- b) Discussion and action, if necessary, regarding a site for a future fire station (Dalros, Pierce)**

No action on this item.

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider contract**

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the service provider contract for Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue and authorize execution of contract by Board President. Seconded by Director Flores. Motion carried.

6) Adjourn

Motion by adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm.

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