

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE



APPROVED

February 24, 2020

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 Emergency Service District 5 Fire and Rescue, to be held at 7120 East 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on February 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce. Andrew Flores was absent.

2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance and prayer

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

3) Open the Public Hearing for the proposed Lease / Purchase and finance agreement for the Ferrara HD 77 Ladder truck as noticed in the Leader News on February 13, 2020.

Public Hearing was opened at 6:05 pm. There were no citizens to speak, so the Hearing was closed at 6:05 pm.

4) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 16, 2020 and the Special Meeting on February 7, 2020

Motion by Director Dalros to accept the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

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

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

Chief Estep gave his oral and written report with a briefing to the Board on billing, training, status of apparatus, staffing, and response times. Chief reported 168 calls for Station 119 with an average response time of 8:00; 43 calls from Station 140 with an average response time of 6:00; and 38 calls for Station 141 with an average response time of 6:30.

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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Chief also briefed the Board on a motor vehicle crash at 1604 and Hwy 16 in which a Bexar County Public Works personnel initiated CPR. With the fire crews, they continued for 25 minutes and the patient was transported alive. Chief checked on the patient and he was still alive 4 days later. He said he would like to have a recognition for the Bexar County employee and the fire crew. He also noted that the department Chaplain, Robert Pierce, was called on to help a firefighter having some personal problems. He understood there was a positive outcome from that incident as well. Director Postert reminded the Board that Chief Estep will be on vacation the first week of March.

6) 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 including formal acceptance and approval of the Deed from Bexar County.**

Director Postert said Joe Newton is working on the deed. Director Postert said Chief will get with Commissioner Chico Rodriguez to work on 2 signs marking the location of the future station. Director Dalros was concerned about the ESD not following Texas Procurement Laws regarding LK Travis. Counselor Wilson said that did not apply to Architects and the ESD could use a professional that was already known to the district.

Director Dalros directed Chief Estep to continue working with LK Travis and to have him start the platting process.

- b) Discussion and possible action regarding the fence construction at Station 119**

There was a discussion about the quote that Jozette Erfurth gave the Board and the research on the cost of materials done by Director Schneider.

Motion by Director Pierce to offer Jozette \$750 as the ESD's portion of the fence. Motion seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding a septic maintenance contract for Station 140**

There was a brief discussion about the proposal and spelling mistakes – "Pilling and cleaning pumps of required". Board assumed that was supposed to read: Pulling and cleaning of pumps if required.

Motion by Director Dalros to approve the septic maintenance agreement with Septic Solutions for \$600 per year for quarterly maintenance contingent upon correction of the proposal wording.

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Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried.

d) Discussion and possible action regarding the KME truck including possible replacement

Chief Estep reported that the KME is in the shop for warranty work on the engine. Once everything is fixed, he would like to sell it on consignment and replace it with a mini-pumper. He gave the board a proposal for a Ford F550 4 door 4x4 that holds 500 gallons of water for a total cost of \$256,605.99. It was also noted that this is going through the BuyBoard.

Motion by Director Schneider to accept the proposal from Lone Star Emergency Group for the purchase of a 2020 EOne Mini-Pumper on a Ford F550 Chassis for a total cost of \$256,605.99.

Motion seconded by Director Dalros. Motion carried.

Chief and Counsel were directed to follow the procedure for securing affirmation from the county and financing proposals.

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) Discuss and consider the addition of a conference room at one of the fire stations for board meetings

Director Postert addressed the other board members about the possibility of a conference room. No action taken.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:47 citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney on item 6e.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:54 pm.

Item 6e – No action taken.

g) Discuss and consider setting a date for a budget workshop

Budget workshop was set for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

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7) Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Director Dalros. Seconded by Director Schneider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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