

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
FEBRUARY 16, 2023

In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 had a REGULAR MEETING at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on FEBRUARY 16, 2023 immediately following the meeting of the Board of Directors for Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue scheduled for 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 7:08 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce.

- 2) Invocation: Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.**

Pledge led by Commissioner Dalros.

- 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 report on government affairs / legislative updates**

(May be heard in Executive Session)

Commissioner Dalros advised the board that February 21 is Safe-D's legislative day in Austin, then there is to be a meeting of the Bexar County ESD Association the following day.

This item was then taken in Executive Session.

- 5) The Board will hear a brief report from the General Manager**

Sheila Staggs noted that she will be on vacation during the next meeting but that arrangements will be made to have Sylvia Garza in attendance to do the minutes.

- 6) The Board will hear a brief presentation from Texas Regional Bank**

The bank made their presentation during the Fire Rescue meeting. Nothing further was presented.

- 7) Consent Agenda:**

- a) Review and approval of the minutes for the Regular Meeting on January 19, 2023**

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

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Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. 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 made his report in the Fire Rescue meeting. Nothing further was reported.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Commissioner Postert noted that he spoke with Chief Garcia about getting his paperwork turned in on time as per the contract. He said that will be corrected next month. There was also a discussion about a fatality fire in which it was reported in the media that a firefighter was burned. Chief Garcia said the firefighter suffered minor burns on his ear. The gear is being inspected to determine if they need to submit an insurance claim.

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

a) Discussion with action taken as needed regarding the future fire station in the Montgomery Road area, including but not limited to bid process, including resolutions, if any, and any other matters related thereto.

This item was taken in Executive Session.

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

No action necessary on this item.

c) 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 reported that this item is at the Texas Supreme Court currently. There is no time frame for when they might decide if they will hear the case or not.

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d) Discussion and possible action regarding the continuation of vendor contract between R4 Strategies and the District

This item was taken in Executive Session.

*Meeting was called into Executive Session at 7:19 pm regarding items 9a and 9d.
Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:46 pm.*

Item 9a – No action taken.

Item 9d – No action taken.

10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

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