

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
OCTOBER 3, 2022

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 SPECIAL MEETING at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on OCTOBER 3, 2022 at 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 6:00 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 to the American Flag.

Pledge recited.

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

- a) Personnel issues: Including but not limited to hiring, terminations, discipline, suspensions, and compensation, and any other related matters including action, if appropriate, on a revised administrative sick leave / vacation policy and annual evaluation for Fire Chief and General Manager**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- b) Discussion regarding service provider contracts (Lytle VFD, Fire Rescue), with action taken as appropriate**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- c) Discussion regarding a Firefighter Award banquet, with action taken as necessary**

Staff gave quotes of some local venues but also noted there were some problems with availability and getting responses. There was a discussion about incentive or retention pay in lieu of a dinner. Commissioner Schneider asked Chief Estep to poll his firefighters and see what their preference would be. This item will be taken up at the next meeting. Staff will work with Chief on a possible banquet for 2023.

The Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 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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- d) **Discuss and consider hosting a round table**
and addressing the \$20,000 borrowing cap. Commissioner Dalros noted the importance of staying focused on just the 2 issues and thought it would be a good idea to invite the new County Judge and Melissa Shannon as well as state reps to participate. Rudy Rodriguez of R4 Strategies will work with Legal Counsel to draft an agenda. Staff will email the appropriate parties with a target date for the round table of mid November, after elections.
- e) **Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a cab and chassis for a quick attack truck**
Chief said he tried multiple resources but found only one vendor that has a truck now. He said most said there would be a wait of a year or more to get a truck. Motion by Commissioner Schneider of a determination of a sole source, to approve the purchase of a cab and chassis from Lone Star Emergency Group of a 2022 Dodge Ram 3500 diesel 4x4 in the amount of \$72,187.66 to be used as a quick attack truck. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.
- f) **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**
This item was taken in Executive Session.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:47 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.074 Personnel matters for items 3a,3b,and 3f.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:38.

Item 3a - Motion by Commissioner Schneider to recommend a raise of the General Manger's hourly pay rate by \$2. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried

Item 3a – Motion by Commissioner Flores to approve the vacation policy as amended. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

Item 3b – Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the annual contract with Lytle VFD as discussed in closed session and provide a copy for their board's approval.. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried.

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Item 3f – No action taken.

4) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm.

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