

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY ESD 5 FIRE AND RESCUE
APRIL 15, 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 April 15, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

This meeting was conducted in person as well as Zoom Link.

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 password 718314. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 Peirce.

3) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes for the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting on March 18, 2021 and Special Meeting on March 31, 2021

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

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Director Flores to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Director Dalros. 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 his report saying there were 40 billing claims in progress; training update, apparatus all in service; and department fully staffed. Call volumes reported: 197 calls from Station 151 with an average response time of 7:30; 39 calls from station 150 with an average response time of 7:00; and 44 calls from Station 152 with an average response time of 6:30. 890 calls since Jan 1, 2021 which is up from last year.

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, including any action necessary in regards to financing**

This item taken in Executive Session.

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

This item taken in Executive Session.

Meeting called into Executive Session at 6:10 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.087 Economic Development on items 5a and 5b.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 6:49 pm.

5a – No action taken.

5b – No action taken.

- c) **Discussion and possible action relating to the financing options for the ladder truck approved at the March 18th meeting.**

Chief Estep presented the board with a finance proposal from Republic First National, Rev Financial, and said he asked Lytle State Bank but they said they could not compete with the finance rates he already had with the others.

Motion by Director Dalros to go with Republic First National for the 10 year term with an interest rate of 2.55% and annual payments of \$119,282.73. Seconded by Director Pierce.

Motion carried.

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Director Schneider. Seconded by Director Pierce. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

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