

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
OCTOBER 19, 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 OCTOBER 19, 2023 immediately following the Bexar County ESD5 Fire and Rescue Board of Directors meeting 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 6:11 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) 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) Report on the ESD Association meeting held on 10/12/2023 at Station 150**

Commissioner Dalros reported the legislative items they are focused on are continuing to move forward.

- 5) Report from Art Martinez de Vara on legislative topics, local matters, and contact with developers regarding a possible donation, with action taken, if necessary**

Art said Representative Lujan and Representative Cortez would like to attend an Association meeting and he suggested ESD5 hosting again. Art will try to get an exact date.

- 6) Report, if any, from the General Manager**

Sheila reported that she is working on 3 proposals for the health insurance coverage since TML is canceling all ESDs on 12/31/2023. She will share quotes with the board once received to be able to make a decision at the November meeting.

- 7) Consent Agenda:**

- a) Review and approval of the minutes for the Special Meeting on October 4, 2023**

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

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Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to accept the financials as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. 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

No further report given.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Garcia reported on continuing training for his department. He reported his engine is out of service for a repair that may cost \$8000, however, his older engine is in service. Chief Garcia reported 45 calls in district with an average 9:01 response time and 8 calls out of district with a 9:00 average response time.

9) Action items:

a) Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the future fire station on Montgomery Road, including any action as necessary for the bid process, status of platting, water drilling issues, and any other matters related thereto

Commissioner Dalros said he met with the county last week and was told that any road longer than 150 feet must have an egress so the county will not budge on the road. He does want to see if the county will agree to build and maintain the road though since they already have all the equipment. He said the paperwork is in the permitting process at Public Works. Marcus Primm from the Commissioner's office said he will make sure the process is expedited. This item was also addressed in Executive Session.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding the future fire station in the IH35 / Pearsall Rd area, including environmental surveys, ratification and approval of the contract with Galm Real Estate, LLC, and any other matters related thereto

Commissioner Postert said the property is currently being cleaned up and he would like a sign out there as soon as possible. Legal Counsel told the board they must ratify the contract with

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Galm Realty since it was approved by Fire Rescue and not the ESD.

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to ratify the contract with Galm Realty. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding exploring the possibility of a donation of land on Jungman Road

Commissioner Postert said he would work with Art Martinez to see if the developer would be interested in donating a piece of property. No action taken.

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

There was a brief discussion about the suggestion boxes at the stations.

Commissioner Schneider read a statement she would like to be on each box and wants to send out an email to all staff letting them know about the boxes. Commissioner Dalros pointed out that the suggestions are fine as long as nothing interferes with department policy.

Commissioner Postert said he would like to set salary ranges for the General Manager and Fire Chief positions.

This item was taken in Executive Session.

e) Discussion and possible action regarding the types of bank account(s) with Texas Regional Bank

All paperwork to open the accounts was getting signed. No action was necessary.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:48 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 for items 9a and 9d.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:08 pm.

Item 9a – No action taken.

Item d – Motion by Commissioner Schneider to accept the statement for the suggestion box as read and the email to all staff. Seconded by Commissioner Flores.

Commissioner Dalros asked to amend the motion to include the boxes are for comments and suggestions, not involving operations. Commissioner Schneider agreed to the amendment. Motion carried.

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10) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dalros. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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