

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING
BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
AUGUST 24, 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 **PUBLIC HEARING** and a **SPECIAL MEETING** at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on **AUGUST 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their views.

PUBLIC HEARING

- 1) **Call the Bexar County Emergency Services District 5 meeting to order and establish a quorum.**

Hearing 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) **Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2023 Tax Rate of 0.10 per \$100 of property valuation as noticed in the Express News on 8/17/2023 as well as on the District's website www.bexarcountrysd5.com. Citizens wishing to speak will be given 3 minutes each.**

There was no one present for comments.

- 4) **Conclude the Public Hearing**

Public Hearing concluded at 6:01 pm.

AGENDA

- 5) **Discussion with action taken as appropriate regarding the following:**

- a) **Financing for the Montgomery Road station including a waiver for the City of San Antonio, and any other related matters**

Commissioner Dalros said they are waiting on a response from COSA. He also said Art Martinez picked up a copy of the site plan so that he could meet with the Commissioner about the road access. No action taken.

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b) Legislative goals for the Bexar County ESD Association for the next two years

The board reviewed the list put out by the Association. Commissioner Dalros said item #1 would be a huge fight trying to get the Via tax. By consensus, the board agreed to focus on the following items:

Local level-

- 2. Remove a Municipality's ETJ*
- 5. Increase Dispatching Resources*
- 6. Accessing AAPRA Funds and Fema Funds*

State level-

- 3. Allowing Residents in PIDs/ Under Annexation Agreements to Vote*
- 4. State/Federal Contract for Service with Government Agencies*

c) Increase retirement system for employees to 7% with a 2 to 1 match in anticipation of opting out of Social Security

Motion by Commissioner Schneider to increase the retirement system as presented to be effective 10/1/2023. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

d) Adoption of Resolution for a Tax rate of .10 per \$100 of valuation

Motion by Commissioner Flores to adopt the Resolution for a tax rate of .10 per \$100 valuation. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried with Commissioners Postert, Dalros, Flores, Schneider, and Pierce voting aye; none against, none absent.

6) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Schneider. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

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