

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING



APPROVED

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5
August 20, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 conducted a meeting at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 immediately following the meeting of the Board of Directors for Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue. This meeting was held via Zoom Link as well as in person. Board members and the public were able to participate in the meeting by calling 346-248-7799 and entering the meeting ID 87959708937, and password 159223. A recording of the meeting will be made available to the public upon request.

Effective March 16, 2020, Governor Gregg Abbott authorized the temporary suspension of some of the statutory provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Law. This meeting of the Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 Board of Commissioners is being held pursuant to this authorization and will limit face-to-face meeting to slow the spread of the Corona Virus (COVID19).

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 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.

Commissioner Dalros led the pledge.

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 presentation from R4 Strategies, Rudy Rodriguez, with action taken, if necessary

Rudy Rodriguez spoke about most meetings being held virtually. He said Senator Donna Campbell may revisit annexation bill. He talked about several conferences that the Commissioners may want to attend. He said he would send the info to staff by email. Commissioner Postert said he would like to meet with Rudy next week with another

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Commissioner. Commissioners Schneider and Pierce also would like to meet with him separately so there would be no quorum and no reason to post. Rudy will set that up.

5) The Board receive a brief report from Chris Herrera, Office of Emergency Management, with action taken, if necessary

Chris Herrera was not present.

6) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting and Budget Workshop on July 16, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried.

b) Review and approval of financials

Motion by Commissioner Pierce to approve the financials as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

7) 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

Report given in Fire Rescue meeting. Nothing further to report.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear reported on increased call volumes and budgets for the upcoming year. He said he would be asking Medina County for an increase and asked ESD5 for an increase from \$78,000 to \$120,000 per year. Commissioner Dalros asked how many of the calls represented were direct dispatch and not mutual aid calls? Chief Dear said he would get this information. Commissioner Dalros also noted the ESD also provides SCBAs, insurance, a truck, and other items. No action taken.

Monthly paperwork showed 73 calls for the month of July with an average response time of 8:35.

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

a) Review Tax Calculations and propose a 2020 tax rate

Legal Counsel briefly outlined changes to the laws regarding adoption of a tax rate. Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the 2020 tax calculation worksheet. Rates are Proposed Tax Rate .10; No New Revenue Rate .098876; Voter Approval Tax Rate .102983; De Minimus Rate .130216. Motion seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Set date for public hearing and newspaper of record for publication (9/17/2020)

There was a brief discussion about the Corner News no longer publishing after the death of the owner. The Commissioner knew of no other local paper with distribution in the ESD5 area so it was determined by unanimous consent that the publication would be in the Express News and the Public Hearing would be held on Monday, September 14, 2020.

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

No action nor discussion on this item.

d) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the Somerset Volunteer Fire Department in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-08846

This item was taken in Executive Session citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

e) Discussion and possible action regarding the litigation with the City of San Antonio in reference to Cause No. 2019-CI-26125

This item was taken in Executive Session citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 7:05 pm for items 8d and 8e.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 7:20 pm.

8d – No action taken.

8e – No action taken.

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9) Adjourn

Motion by Commissioner Schneider to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

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