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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

November 19, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 5 conducted a Regular Meeting at 7120 E. 6th Street, Somerset, TX 78069 on November 19, 2020 immediately following the Regular 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.

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 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) **The Board will hear a brief presentation from R4 Strategies, Rudy Rodriguez, with action taken, if necessary**

Rudy Rodriguez was present to give the board an update. He informed them that ESD2 was successful in getting the \$20k cap lifted by the City of San Antonio. He said the city and the county both passed their legislative agendas and neither addresses annexations, however, there is mention of the fireworks' stands. He will continue to monitor this. He said he has already met with Rebecca Clay Flores, the new Pct 1 County Commissioner. Lastly, he spoke about Emergency Operations planning and blurred boundaries with some of the ESDs. No action was necessary.

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5) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 15, 2020

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

b) Review and approval of financials

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

c) Approve and certify tax roll

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve the certified tax roll for 2020. Seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

6) 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

Chief Estep made his report in the Fire Rescue meeting and had nothing more to add.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear said the truck that he got the \$250k grant for has been ordered. His monthly report showed 52 calls with an average response time of 8:39.

Commissioner Postert asked each chief if they needed anything to do a holiday meal for the firefighters but both declined.

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

a) Discussion and possible action regarding withdrawal from the TESRS system and any other matter related thereto.

This item was taken in Executive Session.

b) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider contracts

This item was taken in Executive Session.

c) Discussion and possible action regarding long range plan

Commissioner Flores along with Commissioner Schneider presented their draft and talked about others that had input. This item will be deferred until the December meeting to allow the Commissioners time to review the plan.

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- d) Personnel issues: Including but not limited to hiring, terminations, discipline, suspensions, and compensation, and any other related matters including annual performance review for the Fire Chief and retention for same.**

This item was taken in Executive Session.

- 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.

Meeting was called into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 7:26 pm for items 7a, 7b, 7d, and 7e Citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.074 Personnel Matters.

Meeting resumed in OPEN SESSION at 8:48 pm.

Item 7a – No action taken

Item 7b – Motion by Commissioner Schneider to increase Lytle VFD's service provider contract for 2021 to \$90,000 (\$7500 monthly) and to change it to a fiscal year in lieu of a calendar year. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried.

Item 7d – Motion by Commissioner Dalros to accept Chief Estep's annual evaluation and 10% raise to be retroactive back to his anniversary date of 9/1/2020.

Item 7c – No action taken.

8) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Dalros. Seconded by Commissioner Schneider. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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