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APPROVED

REGULAR MEETING

BEXAR COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 5

September 14, 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 PUBLIC HEARING ON TAX INCREASE.

This meeting will be held via Zoom Link as well as in person. Board members and the public were invited 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.**
The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Herschel Postert, Howard Dalros, Andrew Flores, Becky Schneider, and Robert Pierce. Legal Counsel, Mark Sanchez, was present via Zoom.
- 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 be heard.
- 4) The Board will hear a brief presentation from R4 Strategies, Rudy Rodriguez, with action taken, if necessary**
Mr. Rodriguez gave the board a briefing including the South Texas Judges legislative update; Bexar County ESD2 asking for a \$30 million dollar cap from the City of San Antonio and Councilman Perry's unwillingness to give up annexation possibilities in their area; and the TML Conference being virtual this year. No action necessary.
- 5) The Board will hear a brief presentation from Kristina Fox with Texas County and District Retirement System, with action taken, if necessary**
Kristina Fox, via Zoom, gave a presentation on the retirement system including several price proposals. Discussions included a history of the system; probation period for new hires (none); automatic vestment for employees should the District terminate their participation; the ability of

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employees to take the coverage with them to other employers that may have the same or a comparable system; the average participation; and the proposed plan being 6% employee participation, 1 ½ employer match, 5 year vest, rule of 75, 20 years vest, any age. Discussion and action on this plan was taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Schneider left the meeting at 7:07 pm.

6) Consent Agenda:

a) Minutes from the Regular Meeting on August 20, 2020 and the Budget Workshop on September 3, 2020

Motion by Commissioner Dalros 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.

7) Reports, presentations, and funding requests with action taken as appropriate:

a) Bexar County ESD 5 Fire and Rescue

Chief Estep will make his report during the Fire & Rescue meeting immediately following.

b) Lytle Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Dear shared a handout with the Board showing call volumes, monies received by entity, and response area. Chief Dear requested a \$42,000 increase for the upcoming 2021 contract. Monthly paperwork submitted reflects 79 calls in August with an average response time of 7:19. It was noted that Lytle VFD's contract expires 12/31/2020.

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

a) Adopt a budget for 2020-2021

Motion by Commissioner Dalros to adopt the 2020-2021 budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

b) Adopt the Ordinance for the 2020 tax rate

Commissioner Pierce read aloud the Resolution to adopt the tax rate for 2020. Commissioner Dalros moved to adopt the tax rate for 2020 of \$0.10 which is effectively

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a 1.1% increase. Motion seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion carried with a vote as follows: Postert – aye; Dalros – aye; Flores – aye; Pierce – aye. Becky Schneider was not present during this item.

- c) Discussion and possible action regarding service provider contracts**
This item was taken in Executive Session.
- 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**
This item was taken in Executive Session.
- e) 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.
- f) 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 7:20 pm citing Texas Government Code 551.071 Consultation with Attorney and 551.074 Personnel Matters on items 5, 8c, 8d, 8e, and 8f.

Meeting resumed in Open Session at 8:08 pm.

Item 5 – Motion by Commissioner Dalros to approve participation in the Texas County and District Retirement System as submitted. Motion seconded by Commissioner Pierce. Motion carried.

Item 8c – No action taken.

Item 8d – No action taken.

Item 8e – No action taken.

Item 8f – No action taken.

9) Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Flores. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dalros. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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