

**Bexar County
Emergency Services District No. 8
August 11, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
Meeting Minutes**

In response to Executive Order No. GA-29 relating to the use of face coverings during the COVID-19 disaster, face masks shall be worn during the meeting and temperature checks will be taken when entering the meeting space. It is also requested that those attending this meeting adhere to the CDC Guidelines pertaining to Social Distancing during this meeting.

The Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 8 will conduct a meeting at the Grey Forest City Hall located at 18502 Scenic Loop Road, Helotes, Texas 78023 on August 11, 2020 beginning at 6:30 P.M. The following will be discussed with possible action as necessary:

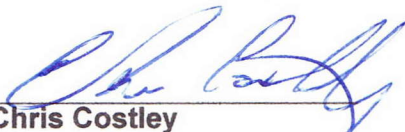
1. Call the Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 8 Meeting to Order and establish a quorum. *Commissioner Hune called the Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 8 meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and established a quorum.*
2. Pledge of Allegiance. *Pledge of Allegiance was recited.*
3. Citizens to be heard. (Individuals will have 3 minutes) *There were no citizens signed up to speak.*
4. Approval of the minutes of the board meeting held on July 14, 2020. *Commissioner Yates made a motion to accept the minutes. Commissioner Burke seconded. The motion carried by a vote 4-0*
5. Discussion and possible action on Fire Station No. 2. *Project manager from AGCM Sean Spyres provided update on project. Construction continues as planned from both a timing and budget perspective. Items recently completed include water connections, and exterior lighting. Septic, appliances, internet, and phone are being scheduled and or purchased in the upcoming month. Power meters expected to be set in August.*
6. Discussion and possible action on property acquisition for Bexar County ESD No. 8 Station Number 3. *No additional information on property acquisition. Pending attorney selection to proceed in negotiations.*
7. Discussion and possible action on the two Request for Proposals for legal representation for the following:
 - a. Legal representation to manage the land acquisition for Bexar County ESD No. 8 for the purpose of building Station No. 3. *Commissioner Burke made a motion to engage Killen Griffin & Farrimond PLLC for legal representation in the land acquisition of Bexar County ESD No.8 third fire station. Commissioner Yates seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 4-0*
 - b. Legal representation for Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 8. *Item will be addressed in the September meeting.*

8. Discussion and possible action on establishing the Preliminary Bexar County ESD No. 8 Budget for Fiscal Year 2021 and setting the date for the Public Hearing of the adoption of the 2020 No New-Revenue Tax Rate for September 8, 2020. *A proposal to increase firefighter pay and benefits in 2021 fiscal budget to help retain talent within the district was discussed. Additionally, funding needed to support the additional staff needed to support the second fire station was provided. These items would result in an increase in operating expense for Fiscal year 2021 and require additional funding. Commissioner Yates made a motion to pursue increasing the tax rate to 0.10 per \$100 valuation. Commissioner Burke seconded. The motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Yates made a motion to set the date for the 2020 tax rate public hearing to be held on September 8th, 2020 at Grey Forest City Hall located at 18502 Scenic Loop Road, Helotes, Texas 78023. Commissioner Burke seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0*
9. Chief's Report on the ESD No. 8:
 - a. Run Report
 - b. Operations Update
Chief Reddout provided the Board with a review of the number of calls for service, and a review of overall response times. Items of note this month included assisting Leon Springs with structure fire support and participating in services for Kyle Coleman. Also, an update on staffing was provided noting 1 filled and 1 open position.
10. Administrator's Report and review of the financial status of the District. *Financial reports reviewed for the period.*
11. Review of the meeting planner and take requests from the Board for any agenda items to be consider at the next meeting scheduled for September 8, 2020. *Items for discussion in the upcoming meeting will include the adoption of the fiscal 2021 budget and tax rate. Follow up on legal representation for ESD No. 8.*
12. Adjourn. *With no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.*

The above notice was posted at the Bexar County Courthouse, Grey Forest City Hall and the Bexar County Emergency Service District No. 8 Fire Station no later than 6:00 P.M., Saturday, August 8, 2020.

The Board may retire to Closed Meeting any time as allowed by applicable law between the meeting's opening and adjournment to discuss items listed on the agenda, including, but not limited to, consultation with legal counsel pursuant to Chapter 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; discussion of personnel matters pursuant to Chapter 551.074 of the Texas Government Code and/or discussion of real estate acquisition pursuant to Chapter 551.072 of the Texas Government Code. Action, if any, will be taken in open session.

ATTEST:


Chris Costley
Administrator


Mr. William Burke
Secretary/Assistant Treasurer