



Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022 7:00 P.M.

The Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 4 (ESD 4) hosted a legislative roundtable discussion at 28036 Old Boerne Stage Road, Boerne, Texas, 78006 on Monday September 12, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. No actions were taken during the meeting and the following was discussed:

1. Commissioner Huber called the Legislative Roundtable to Order at 7:00 P.M. and established a quorum. Commissioner Haygood was unable to attend.
2. Meeting attendees introduced themselves. Representatives were present were Mr. Ken Campbell, ESD 4 attorney; Mr. Clay Avery, SAFE-D; Mr. Chris Herrera, Bexar County Fire Marshall's Office; Bexar ESD 6; Bexar ESD 5; Bexar ESD 11; District 7 Fire and Rescue; and Leon Springs Fire Department.
3. Commissioner Huber provided opening remarks and thanked all the attendees.
4. Mr. Campbell followed and discussed annexation of ESD property by cities and the need for any ESD debt to be paid proportionally to removed property value. Additionally, Mr. Campbell noted that the Bexar County ESD debt limit is in the original county language establishing districts.
5. Mr. Herrera discussed the State statute allowing Memorandums of Understanding to be established to limit ESD debt. The legality of non-annexation agreements between developers and cities was discussed by attendees.
6. Mr. Avery reviewed the SAFE-D 2023 Legislative Platform. The bi-annual Texas Legislature starts January 10, 2023, and bills will start being filed on November 14, 2022. Annexation defensive measures "poison pills" were reviewed as reasons for cities to not annex property within an ESD.
7. The details of the roll of Community Health Paramedics are not called out as ESD activities and it is a grey area within the State Statute 775 creating ESDs.
8. The pros and cons of an ESD taking over a volunteer fire department was discussed. The ESD 5 representatives observed that it depends upon the Service Provider and the personnel running the department. Mr. Campbell observed that it's a local dynamic.
9. The final discussion topic was the roll of ESDs handling patient transport. Bexar County Hospital District having a transport contract provides for a tiered response in support of Emergency Medical Services by the ESDs.
10. Adjourn. With no further business before the Board, Commissioner Huber thanked the attendees. Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Rasmussen seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 4/0 vote in favor of. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

