



Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023
7:00 P.M.

The Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 4 (ESD 4) conducted a meeting at 28036 Old Boerne Stage Road, Boerne, Texas, 78006 on Wednesday March 1, 2023, at 7:00 P.M. The following was discussed:

1. Commissioner Huber called the Bexar County ESD 4 Meeting to Order at 7:00 P.M. and established a quorum. Commissioner Rasmussen was unable to attend.
2. Citizen Public Forum. No citizens chose to speak.
3. The Board discussed the District priorities and 5-year strategic planning.
 - a. Mr. Josh Brown, Administrator ESD 2, discussed lessons learned from ESD 2 with full-time personnel and medical transport. Highlights were:
 - Fire fighter compensation, ensure personnel are being properly compensated for overtime and compensation level to retain personnel.
 - Fire fighter certifications with the State.
 - Ambulance usage, plan on replacing ambulances frequently.
 - Budget for expenses on the high side and be conservative with income and run multiple planning scenarios for contingencies.
 - b. Mr. Charles Laljer, ESD 4 Administrator, presented priority recommendations coordinated with Leon Springs Fire Department (LSFD). Priorities were:
 - Continue moving toward full-time staffing.
 - Replace aging fire trucks, order a second truck now for delivery in 2025.
 - Initiate medical transport in Fiscal Year (FY) 2025.
 - Procure property along IH-10 for a future fire station.
 - Build up the ESD 4 reserve fund.
 - c. Mr. Laljer presented an in-depth discussion on each priority and recommendation. The Commissioners concurred with the priorities. Commissioner Haygood stressed the need to accelerate looking for property along IH-10 given the growth rate and scarcity. Commissioner Surratt focused on the long-term financial projections and impact on the District tax rate. Action on recommendations to request LSFD add personnel in FY23 and procure a second truck were deferred until the March 6, 2023 Board Meeting.
4. Determine date, time, and possible agenda items for the next meeting. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2023.
5. Adjourn. With no further business before the Board, Commissioner Surratt made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haygood seconded the motion. Motion carried by a 4/0 vote in favor of. Meeting was adjourned at 9:16 P.M.

