

Minutes

Burnet County Emergency Services District #8

Monday, October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Price, Shamard, Ewart, Keith

1. The regular monthly meeting for ESD 8 was called to order at 6:47 pm by Commissioner Keith.
2. The Pledges of Allegiance was said by all in attendance. The Invocation was led by Becky Moore.
3. Recognition of Citizens and Elected officials, no one spoke.
4. Citizen comments on items not on the agenda, no one spoke.
5. Citizen comments on items posted on the agenda, no one spoke.
6. Review posted minutes from previous meeting. Motion made to accept minutes by Comm. Ewart, second by Comm. Keith. Motion passes. Minutes approved.
7. Review treasurer's report. Commissioner Ewart presented the ESD Financials.
Property tax deposits for September totaled \$2195.18
Sales tax collected for the same period were \$18,098.17
Our October sales tax check was \$27,066.77.
The ESD bank balance as of 09/30/2022 was \$159,592.10.
The bank balance as of 10/21/2021 is \$187,023.00.
The ESD contingency account balance as of 09/30/2022 is \$101,684.37
Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Price, Second made by Commissioner Ewart. No discussion. Motion passed.
8.
 - a) Approve payment of regular bills. Have one bill for \$540.00 to the Carlton law firm. Motion to pay this bill by Comm. Price, and second by Commissioner Ewart. Motions passes and is approved.

b) State law requires ESD's to file annual report with Texas DEM by January 1st of each new year. Assume that Ned will file before Jan 1st, 2023.
9. Consider, and take appropriate action on the following items:
 - a. Effort by the Texas Municipal League, at the request of some of their member cities, to lobby this Texas Legislative session to limit or remove the Texas ESD Sales and Use Tax (SUT). Organization that provides assistance for municipalities. Possible implications for ESD based on upcoming legislation.

- b. Joining efforts with SAFE-D and other Texas ESDs to educate and lobby Texas legislators on the importance of ESD Sales and Use Tax in protecting rural communities. We will follow closely.
10. Consider and take appropriate action on the following item:
- a. NBCFR Financial Reports- Our book-keeper quit, so no reports. Working on it.
 - b. NBCFR Performance Measures- table until next meeting.
11. Receive Fire Chief's Report, consider and take appropriate action on the following items: 27 calls, avg time 9.75. Many mutual aid mostly. Delivered a baby. Working on yearly report, 392 calls for the year, 125 med assists, followed by grass fires, etc. 9.18 minutes for average response time, very well done. Up from last year where we had about 340 calls. 16 voluntary fire fighters, on duty. We are making do with what we have. Firefly asked to have a bonfire for a gathering. WE said no, they did it anyway. Had to get called out. Wasn't totally out of control, but almost.
- a. New pumper/tanker truck- It's here, one small issue, siren having a little trouble. Working with manufacturer to remedy.
 - b. NBCFR Station
 - i. Construction- Need about 60-90 K to finish dirt work and parking lot. Working on it. Discussing providing a possible bonus check to department for the pavement and parking lot. Comm. Keith makes a motion to provided forty thousand dollars to the department for the parking issues and truck apron for fire trucks. Comm. Ewart seconds it. Motion passes and approved. A/c still using window unit, a/c person on way to hook up the main system.
 - ii. Equipment- Got water pump in , but not happy with it, so trying to replace it. Not working up to par.... Working on it. Cascade system will be shipped in the next few weeks. Cad system has been purchased, but some issues with size of service to accommodate our new system. Radio system doesn't work very well, but our radios do function.
 - iii. Station Grand Opening- still discussing times because of parking issues.
12. Next Meeting will be located at Northeast Burnet County Fire Rescue (NBCFR) Station #1, located at in Okalla. at 6:45 PM on Monday, November 28, 2022.
13. Adjourn

