

Minutes
Burnet County Emergency Services District #8
Monday, January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting

Prior to the meeting County Commissioner Bejerle swore in 2 new Commissioners and renewed the term of Commissioner Ewart. The New Commissioners are Alice Price and Barker Keith.

Commissioners present; Shamard, Keith, Price, Ewart, Butler

1. The regular monthly meeting for ESD 8 was called to order at 6:55 pm by Commissioner Shamard. A quorum was present.
2. The Pledges of Allegiance were said by all in attendance. The Invocation was led by Department Chief Ned.
3. Commissioner Shamard recognized County Commissioner Bejerle, and thanked the public in attendance.
- 4.No citizens signed up to speak on non-agenda items.
5. No citizens signed up to speak on agenda items.
6. Commissioner Shamard introduced 2 New Commissioners and had them tell a little about each of themselves.
7. Oaths of office and reappointment for Commissioners was done prior to meeting.
8. Commissioner Ewart nominated Commissioner Shamard for President of ESD 8 and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Butler. There were no other nominees. No discussion. The vote was unanimous

Commissioner Butler nominated Commissioner Keith for Vice President and was seconded by Commissioner Shamard. No other nominees. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Shamard nominated Commissioner Ewart to remain as Treasurer and nomination was seconded by Commissioner Price. No other nominees. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Butler agreed to remain as Secretary. There were no objections.

9. Training requirements for ESD Commissioners were discussed and all agreed to acquire the necessary training within the required time frame for each. All required training is on Safe-D website.

10. Commissioner Ewart will check into renewing the Treasurer's bond and report back next meeting.

11. Commissioner Ewart made motion to have all Commissioners approved to sign checks for the ESD accounts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shamard. Discussion, checks over \$250 require 2 signatures. No action can be taken til after next meeting after the minutes are approved. No other discussion. The motion passed.

12. The minutes from last meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Commissioner Keith to accept. Seconded by Commissioner price. Discussion regarding how the minutes are delivered by email to the Commissioners. Also, the previous meetings approved minutes are also available on the website. No other discussion. The motion passed.

13. Commissioner Ewart presented the treasurer's report for ESD 8. Property tax deposits for December totaled \$45,498.03. Sales tax for same period were \$17,253.17.

As of January 25,2021 property tax deposits are \$73,567.08. January sales tax collected was \$22,248.06.

Bank balance as of 12/31/2020 was \$113,935.42. Bank balance as of 1/25/21 is \$209,074.11.

The ESD Contingency balance on 12/31/2020 was \$101,585.19

Revenues for FY 2020 were property tax deposits of \$186,975.17.

Sales tax deposits were \$276 330.42.

Interest earned was \$194.58.

A settlement check for \$5000 was received from the insurance company for BVFD. This gave ESD a total of \$468,500.17 income for 2020.

The ESD spent \$34,633.15 in 2020. \$20,050.77 of that was spent on attorney fees mostly related to the lawsuit against BVFD.

ESD 8 paid OVFD a total of \$416,000 for the year of 2020. This was made up of the amount designated by the 2020 contract, a "bonus" check for funds collected above the contract amount.

OVFD also received \$116,000 from the funds remaining when the BVFD ceased operations. Motion to approve treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Keith, Second made by Commissioner Butler. No discussion. Motion passed.

14. There were no investment reports to review.

15. The ESD's website is up and running and has regular updates by Commissioner Shamard. No actions needed.

16.a. 31 incidents for the month. Average response is 9 minutes. Some discussion regarding percentage of calls by category.

b. Financial reports being done for department by accountant at this time. Commissioner Ewart will let accountant know what reports the ESD want to see monthly. Commissioner Butler also asked that a monthly credit card statement be presented as well.

c. Fire Chief's report; Used Pumper truck purchased from Bertram Fire Department. This should increase the districts ISO rating. 3 of 4 bids were received for new station. All were scored through the same method. 1 bid has been chosen by building committee. The fire department board will meet on Tuesday 1/26/2021 for possible approval of the bid. Completion date is estimated to be August 1. Chief discussed wish list of future equipment and trucks. Pumpers, Wild land trucks, radios.

17. a. Approve payment of regular bills. Carlton law firm for \$363 mostly to review annual contract with OVFD. Commissioner Butler made motion to pay bill, seconded by Commissioner Price. No discussion. Motion passed.

b. Firefighters grants-Clayton with OVFD is working on grants for new radios.

c. OVFD tanker truck. A motion was made by Commissioner Shamard to advance \$65,000 out of their first quarterly contract payment. This money is to be used by OVFD to replenish their funds they used to purchase a used Tanker/Pumper truck from Bertram Fire Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Keith. There was some discussion about this truck purchase. This truck is to replace the truck that was totaled in an earlier accident. An insurance check for \$180,000 is in the mail and this money will replenish this \$65,000 and will also be used as an approximate \$100,000 down payment on a future truck. The motion passed.

d. New pumper truck for OVFD. OVFD has put a list of requirements out for bid for a new Pumper Tanker Truck that will be housed in the new station in Bertram. Commissioner Shamard made a motion to approve the department's to purchase

a new truck in the amount of \$399,950. A second was made by Commissioner Ewart. Discussion was that the remaining insurance funds be put down as initial deposit. This amount should be around \$100,000. There was also a discussion led by Commissioner Shamard as to the departments yearly projected expenses including the new station and truck purchase. It clearly showed that the income projects were more than enough to cover current and projected expenses. The motion passed.

18. Annual report to the division of Emergency Management. Commissioner Ewart has already completed this.

19. Publish notice of address and administrative office location. Commissioner Shamard made a motion to pre-approve this to be published at a cost of less than \$100. Motion seconded by Commissioner Price. No discussion. Motion passed.

* Commissioner Shamard called a "Special Meeting" for January 29, 2021 to review/approve the OVFD recommendation for the awarding of the bid to construct the new Briggs VFD station.

20. Next meeting is located at 29111 FM 963, Oakalla, TX 78608 at 6:45 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021.

21. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Keith, Seconded by Commissioner Butler. No discussion. Motion passed. Adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Commissioner Brian Butler