

Minutes

Burnet County Emergency Services District #8

Monday, August 22, 2022, Regular Meeting

Commissioners present: Price, Shamard, Ewart, Keith

1. The regular monthly meeting for ESD 8 was called to order at 6:48 pm by Commissioner Shamard.
2. The Pledges of Allegiance were 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. REPORT and take action on the BCESD #8 short year audit findings and recommendations. All findings are in order with general accounting principles, and are consistent with similar municipalities and similar organizations. Budget reconciliations were fairly close to out predictions. Clean opinion and clear findings. Motion made by Comm. Keith to approve and accept findings as written for audit. Second made by Comm. Price. No discussion. Motion passes.
7. Northeast Burnet County Fire and rescue short year audit findings. (The department) All findings are in order with similar volunteer fire departments. Also clean opinion. Motion made by Comm. Keith to approve audit as written and second made by comm. Ewart. No discussion. Motion passes.
8. Review posted minutes. Motion made to accept minutes from previous meeting by Comm._Keith Second by Comm. Ewart. Motion passes. Minutes approved.
9. Review treasurer's report. Commissioner Ewart presented the ESD Financials. Property tax deposits for July totaled \$1767.82. Sales Tax deposit was \$ 23,789.84. As Of 8/18/22 our property tax deposits was \$582.70. July sales tax check was \$23,426.25. The ESD bank balance as of 07/31/2022 was \$332,295.46. The bank balance as of 8/22/2022 is \$250,010.10. The ESD contingency account balance as of 08/22/22 is \$101,675.87. Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Keith, Second made by Commissioner Price. No discussion. Motion passed.
10. Consider and take action for payment of regular bills. Motion to approve payment regular bills. Taber and Burnett bill for \$2,100.00. Carlton Law firm for \$403.50.

Motion made by Comm. Shamard, second by Comm. Keith, to approve payment of regular bills. Motion passes.

11. Reports from Northeast Burnet County Fire and Rescue:
 - a. Review activity report for May 2022- response time 8:30 minutes 39 calls, mostly medical and grass fires. Did some community outreach with 4th of July and parade float for Spring Ho.. Very busy month.

 - b. Review financial reports of Oakalla VFD for June 2022.-New book keeper report. Auditor mentioned to James Shamard, that the department has done a good job accounting for all their inventory and bills. Hoping all communication will improve.

12. Fire Chief's Report. Went and inspected new fire truck and it should be delivered on Friday.
 - a. New Pumper Truck. – WE got a picture of it, looks good. No official completion date but getting closer. We have all equipment ready to go on. A few small things, but working on. Issue with front bumper, this one is not extended, would like an extension for more protection. Will put it through it's paces once it arrives.
 - b. Fire Rehab vehicle- arrived and working well.
 - c. SCBA Filling System- got an estimate for 43K instead of 55K, and seems to be a good system. Want to possibly move ahead with this instead of waiting for next fiscal year.
 - d. Gas detectors- 4 of them, still looking at cost \$850 a piece. So approximately \$3400.00
 - e. NBCFR Station #2-Still working, details below.
 - A. Construction-Almost done, taping and floating is all complete. Painting commenced, a little trim and ceiling fans. Should be getting really close to finishing. Also need a mini split installed. Wanted a 200 amp service addition. PEC recommended 200 amp service because easier to acquire. Will need extra gauge wire, and 200 extra feet of wire. This will be approximately 3K plus 600 in other services.
 - B. Equipment- Need extra power, 2500 holding tank and booster tank. Still have need for extra parking and bigger area for entrance and exit. Would like to make a motion to allow department to place order/ and purchase for Cascade system, that were allotted earlier in the year for up to 44K to be paid for through next years budget .Commissioner Shamard makes the motion and Comm. Ewart seconds it. Motion carries.
 - C. Station Grand opening- Still no date. Need at least a month to advertise. Possibly September 24th? Some side note of possibly putting water tank at Watson, gained some traction.

13. Discuss and take a record vote on District's FY 22-23 tax rate adopt an order levying taxes, and filing order with the Burnet County Tax Assessor/collector. Motion for a record vote of our tax rate 10 cent per 100 dollars appraised value made by Comm. Shamard. All commissioners vote independently for the motion. James Shamard, Alice Price, Barker Keith, New Ewart all vote in the affirmative.

14. Motion to Authorize posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website made by James Shamard, Comm. Keith seconds it, motion passes.

15. Discuss and take appropriate action on FY 22-23 contract extension for service with NBCFR. Motion made to make amendment to direct our attorney to alter the existing contract to include paying the department 500K for the fiscal year, fiscal year to date for average response time, and to include line item budget report in detail. Motion made by James Shamard, Second by Comm. Keith. Motion passes.
16. Next Meeting is located at new fire station with address of 2285 south us 183 Bertram, Tx 78605 at 6:45 PM on Monday September 26th, 2022. Motion to Adjourn made by Comm. Keith, second by Comm. Ewart.
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