

## Minutes

### Burnet County Emergency Services District #8

#### Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 Regular Meeting

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

1. The regular monthly meeting for ESD 8 was called to order at 6:55 pm by Commissioner Shamard.
2. The Pledges of Allegiance were said by all in attendance. The Invocation was led by Commissioner Butler
3. Commissioner Shamard thanked all in attendance.
4. No citizens signed up to speak on non-agenda items.
5. No citizens signed up to speak on agenda items.
6. The minutes were reviewed from the March 4<sup>th</sup> regular meetings. An error was noticed on the amount of Revenues for FY 2020 for property tax deposits. Commissioner Ewart will get correct amount to Commissioner Butler for correction. Commissioner Keith made motion to accept minutes with this correction, Second was made by Commissioner Ewart. No discussion. The motion passed.
7. Commissioner Ewart presented the ESD Financials. Property tax deposits for February totaled \$39,974.08. Sales tax collected for the same period were \$28,631.93. As of March 20th our property tax deposits have been \$8,183.37. Sales tax collected for same period were \$21,343.03. The ESD bank balance as of 2/28/21 was \$224,053.89. The bank balance as of March 22 is \$253,580.89. The ESD contingency account balance as of 2/28/2021 was \$101,601.61. Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Keith, Second made by Commissioner Butler. No discussion. Motion passed.
8. A. The activity report for Oakalla VFD was reviewed. Some discussion on structure fire calls. Response time for February was a little higher in February due to the week long ice storm. Discussion about the FD financially assisting Briggs Community Center with funds to replace the

pipes and pump to the water storage tanks that was damaged due to the Ice Storm. The FD will work with BCC to get this replaced and up and running.

B. The FD financials were reviewed with question regarding the large purchase on the credit card. It was determined that this large bill was due to the purchase of (2) metal storage buildings that will be used for truck storage now and for general storage at each station once the new station is complete and the trucks are relocated to the stations.

C. Clayton Porter filled in for Chief Roehrig during his illness. Clayton said our communities Insurance rating has now dropped to a lower ISO rating of 8b down from a 10 due to the recent Pumper truck purchase and is expecting it to continue to get better in the near future. The Gun Show fund raiser is scheduled for 3/27/2021 and that PPE will be available. The new Engine has been ordered and the FD was able to combine the loan on the new Engine and the Briggs station for a cheaper interest rate of 3.99 percent for a 15 year period.

11. A. Commissioner Ewart brought forward a request to abate the Penalties and Interest of Property Taxes that had suffered a catastrophic illness. The amount was less than \$45. A motion to pay this amount was made by Commissioner Keith and Seconded by Commissioner Price. No discussion. Motion passed. 2 other bills were presented for payment, \$66 to the Carlton Law Firm, \$27,000 to OVFD for their quarterly payment (\$65,000 had already been advanced to pay for the new Pumper truck until the insurance check came in). Motion to pay made by Commissioner Keith, Seconded by Commissioner Butler. No discussion. Motion passed.

B. Commissioner Keith led a discussion regarding a Burnet County Fire Code that the county commissioners are discussing to provide a unified Fire Code for the county. This is in preparation for the expected growth in the county. Commissioner Keith is working with County Commissioner Burrell on this project.

C. New pumper truck – discussed earlier

D. Briggs station – also discussed earlier

12. Discussion led by Commissioner Ewart to switch the current fiscal year for the ESD from Calendar year to October 1 to September 30. This will match the Counties taxing calendar. No action taken.

13. Discussion led by Commissioner Shamard to look into moving the date for the monthly meeting. No action taken.

14. Commissioner Shamard led a discussion regarding Strategic Planning that has begun for the ESD and VFD. He is reviewing historical data regarding Response times, Types of calls, Where calls are being run, and what increase in calls looks like. Discussion on breakdown of calls for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020. Increase in calls from 2018 to 2019 was due to OVFD taking over the Briggs service area as well. Commissioner Keith is working with Burnet County Commissioner Burrell to see what growth in the county is looking like in the future. The goal for this is to strategize future spending in areas that this data will provide. There was some other discussion regarding “frequent flyers” for lift assist

calls. The FD is looking at other options to assist in this area that will utilize department assets in a efficient alternative to both parties.

15. Next Meeting is April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Location is 29111 FM 963 Oakalla, Tx. 78608

16. Motion to adjourn at 8:09 made by Commissioner Butler, Seconded by Commissioner Keith. No discussion. Meeting adjourned.

Brian Butler, Secretary

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