



Bexar County
Emergency Services District No. 3
August 8, 2023
6:30 PM
MINUTES

In accordance with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given to the public that the Board of Commissioners of Bexar County Emergency Service District No. 3 had a regular board meeting on August 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bexar-Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department Station 105, 25408 Canyon Golf Road, San Antonio, Texas 78260.

1. Commissioner Wilkinson called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and a quorum was established by roll call. Robert Moss, Ray Wilkinson, John Kirk, Jean Dailey, and David Diharce present at roll call.
2. Welcome and recognition of citizens. None.
3. Citizen Comment. None.
4. Reading and approval of minutes for the regular meeting conducted on July 11, 2023.
MOTION: Commissioner Diharce made motion to accept minutes of the July 11, 2023 meeting.
2nd: Commissioner Dailey
MOTION PASSED: 5/0.
5. Financial report for month of July 2023 was presented. Commissioner Moss gave report with ending cash balance for the month of July 2023 of \$9,585,760.00.
MOTION: Commissioner Kirk made motion to accept financial report as submitted for the month of July 2023.
2nd: Commissioner Diharce
MOTION PASSED: 4/0 in favor with Commissioner Moss abstaining.
 - a. Commissioner Moss presented August expenditures in the amount of \$15,332.50.
MOTION: Commissioner Diharce made motion to approve the Authorization and Approval of the July expenditures in the amount of \$15,332.50.
2nd: Commissioner Kirk
MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.
6. Report of Service Provider in District territory:
 - a. Receive monthly performance report from representative of Bexar-Bulverde Volunteer Fire Department ("BBVFD"); discuss/take action as appropriate. Chief Bialick presented the BBVFD Incident Reporting System Emergent Responses for 07/1-31/23 July 2023. Emergent calls = 257 with overall average on-scene at 6:03 minutes, **best on-scene time in department history.** 2023 YTD Emergent calls = 1,755, with overall on scene at 6:29 minutes. 2022 YTD Emergent calls = 1,791 with overall on scene at 6:51minutes.
 - b. Receive report on City of San Antonio (COSA) U.S. Hwy 281 North Commercial Corridor within Bexar County ("Annexed Territory") from representative of BBVFD; discuss/take action as appropriate. Chief Bialick reported SAFD Emergent calls in the US Hwy 281N Commercial Corridor for the month of July 2023. There were 8 San Antonio Fire Department Emergent calls

in the US HWY 281N corridor; There were 7 BBVFD arrival prior to any cancellation. 80 billable YTD.

c. Receive report on BBVFD Station(s) 103, 104, 105, and 106; discuss/take action as appropriate. No report.

d. Approve BBVFD 2024 Budget. BBVFD Chief Jerry Bialick presented to the BCESD#3 Commissioners the BBVFD 2024 Budget of \$12,139,630.00. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to approve the BBVFD 2024 Budget of \$12,139,630.00.

2nd: Commissioner Kirk

MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.

7. Executive Session – The following may be discussed in Executive Session and action taken in an Opening Meeting Session under Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act: Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding Matters in which the Duty of Legal Counsel to Bexar County Emergency Services District No. 3 under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with the Act. Tabled.

8. Consider, discuss, and take appropriate action on the following items:

a. Discuss Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio (COSA) and the BCESD#3 to provide for Firefighting and Emergency Services in the U.S. Hwy 281 North Commercial Corridor Area annexed by the COSA. No report.

b. Review and approve the 2023 No New Revenue/Voter Approval Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets as prepared by the Bexar County Tax Assessor/Collector. Commissioner Moss provided the 2023 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheet packet to each of the Commissioners and board attorney for review.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to approve the 2023 No-New Revenue/Voter Approval Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets as prepared by the Bexar County Tax-Assessor/Collector and Authorize the Treasurer of the Bexar County Emergency Services District #3 to sign and return the Worksheets as the Designated Officer for BCESD#3.

2nd: Commissioner Diharce

MOTION PASSED: 5/0.

c. Discuss proposed BCESD#3 2024 Budget utilizing the 2023 No New Revenue &/or Voter Approval Tax Rates. Commissioner Moss presented the proposed BCESD#3 2024 Budget Worksheet for discussion. No action taken.

d. Approve the proposed 2023 Tax Rate on BCESD#3 properties to support the 2024 budget.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to approve a proposed Tax Rate of \$.063734 per \$100 Valuation (The No-New Revenue Rate of \$.061878 plus 3%) for the 2023 Tax Year to meet the BCESD#3 budget requirements for the FY ending 09/30/2024.

2nd: Commissioner Diharce

MOTION PASSES: 5/0.

e. Review and approve Notice about 2023 Tax Rates to be posted on the BCESD#3 website in accordance with Section 26.04(e) of the Texas Tax Code. Commissioner Moss provided to the Commissioners the **Notice About 2023 Tax Rates**, prepared by the office of the Bexar County Tax Assessor-Collector Albert Uresti, MPA, PCC, based on Form 50-212 from the Texas Comptroller's office and certified by BCESD#3 Commissioner/Treasurer Robert Moss. Discussion followed.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to approve the NOTICE ABOUT 2023 TAX RATES (Texas Comptroller Form 50-212) presented to the Board at today's meeting to be posted to the BCESD#3 website in accordance with Section 26.04(e) of the Texas Property Tax Code.

2nd: Commissioner Kirk

MOTION PASSED: 5/0.

f. Review Planning Calendar for 2023 Tax Year and approve the date and time of Public Hearing(s) and notice requirements in newspaper in accordance with Sec 26.05(d), and/or Section 26.061 of the Texas Tax Code, if required.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to publish a Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase on the proposed 2023 Tax Rate, such hearing to be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the BBVFD Station #105, 25408 Canyon Golf Road, San Antonio, Texas, 78260 and such notice to be published in the San Antonio Express News on Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

2nd: Commissioner Dailey

MOTION PASSED: 5/0.

g. Discuss methods for BCESD#3 to publicize services offered to its citizens, such as BCESD#3 neighborhood newsletters, etc. Chief Bialick reported a follow-up to an agenda item from June regarding neighborhood newsletters. Contact has been made with those responsible for publishing a number of newsletters and will be submitting articles for neighborhoods in BCESD#3.

h. Discuss/take action on continuing membership in the Bexar County ESD Association for annual dues of \$50,000 for year 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Diharce made motion to approve continuing membership in the Bexar County ESD Association and provide for payment of the annual dues in the amount of \$50,000 for the year 2024.

2nd: Commissioner Moss

MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.

i. Discuss/take action on exploring merger between BCESD#3 and BBVFD.

MOTION: Commissioner Diharce made motion to approve exploring a merger between BCESD#3 and BBVFD.

2nd: Commissioner Kirk

MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.

j. Discuss/take action on hiring Josh Brown to consult on merger process between BCESD#3 and the BBVFD for hourly rate of \$100. Commissioner Wilkinson presented item and a brief discussion followed. Item tabled until written terms of engagement are presented to the Board.

k. Discuss request from Bexar County Commissioner Grant Moody to reduce tax rates for homeowners/review tax chart created in response to request. Commissioner Wilkinson reported that he met with Commissioner Moody and that BBVFD Chief Bialick prepared a schedule of Effective Tax Rates from 2011 to 2022 which was transmitted to Commissioner Moody's office. Commissioner Wilkinson reported that he had not heard further from Commissioner Moody. No action taken.

l. Legislative items that may affect BCESD#3. No report.

m. BCESD#3 Sales and Use Tax matters. No report.

n. Date and time of the September 12, 2023, monthly meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Dailey made motion that our regular meeting be held September 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at BBVFD Station 105, 25408 Canyon Golf Road, San Antonio, Texas 78260.

2nd: Commissioner Kirk

MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.

9. Close meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Moss made motion to close meeting at 8:07 p.m.

2nd: Commissioner Dailey

MOTION PASSED: 5/0 in favor.

ATTEST:



BCESD#3 Secretary