

COMAL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 4
Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2020 Special Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Comal County Emergency Services District No. 4 was held on Friday, August 7, 2020, at 3:00 PM. This meeting was conducted via teleconference in compliance with the Social Distancing protocol for the purposes described below.

Due to the state of emergency and/or local disaster caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Commissioners of Comal County Emergency Services District No. 4 held its meeting via remote procedures because of the difficulty and risks of convening a quorum in one location. The public was able to access the meeting via free internet or via telephone.

The Board addressed the following matters:

1. Call meeting to order;

Meeting called to order by President Graf at 3:04PM. A quorum was present with Mr. Dean, Ms. Clausen, Mr. Bruce, and Mr. VanAusdall in attendance. District legal counsel John Peeler also in attendance for the meeting. Mr. Larry Hull was in attendance by Zoom.

2. Public Comment

No public comments were offered.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discuss and consider ESD4 proposed budget;

Ms. Clausen presented proposed budget. During review she presented information on a draft budget calling for property tax revenue of \$1,720,000 which was based on a tax rate of \$0.0625/\$100. During the review, the Board generally discussed the need for additional revenue and proposed a budget calling for \$1,800,000 in property taxes. After lengthy discussion Ms. Clausen made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Dean to adopt the proposed \$1,800,000 budget. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Discuss and consider certified values and tax calculation material provided by Comal County Tax Office and Comal Central Appraisal District;

The Board reviewed the tax worksheets provided by the Tax Office which were used to calculate the No New Revenue Tax Rate, Voter Approval Tax Rate and de minimis tax rate.

5. Take action to propose the District 2020 ad valorem tax rate and schedule public hearings if necessary;

After lengthy discussion with input given by Mr. Peeler describing the tax rate adoption process Mr. Bruce made a motion that was seconded by Ms. Clausen to propose a 0.0625 tax rate for 2020. Mr. Graf called for a roll call vote. Mr. Bruce - Yes; Ms. Clausen - Yes; Mr. Dean - Nay; Mr. Graf - Nay; Mr. VanAusdall - Nay. Motion Failed.

Mr. Dean made a motion seconded by Mr VanAusdall to adopt 0.06498 for 2020. Mr. Graf called for a roll call vote. Mr. Bruce - Nay; Ms. Clausen - Yes; Mr. Dean - Yes; Mr. Graf - Yes; Mr. VanAusdall - Yes. Motion Passed.

The Board noted that the proposed rate exceeds the No New Revenue Rate, therefore requiring a public hearing. The Board agreed to hold the public hearing on the tax rate on August 24th and approved the posting of the required notices for same.

6. To meet in Closed Session to discuss real estate and contractual matters;

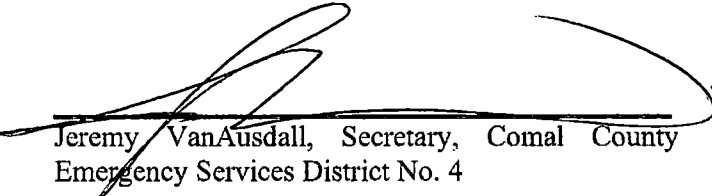
ESD 4 Commissioners entered closed session to consult with legal counsel and deliberate regarding real estate at 4:00pm. Closed session ended at 4:35pm.

7. Discuss agenda, time and date for next meeting;

Next ESD 4 meeting scheduled for August 24th at 5:00PM.

8. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:36PM.



Jeremy VanAusdall, Secretary, Comal County
Emergency Services District No. 4