

BURNET COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 7

MINUTES

August 26, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Burnet County Emergency Services District No. 7 was held on **Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**, at the Burnet Community Center at 401 E. Jackson Street, Burnet, Texas 78611, for the following purposes:

1. Call meeting to order: Meeting was called to order by John Smallwood at 5:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners John Smallwood, Clayton Smith, Brenda Goble, Roy Hallmark and Randy Hartman. A quorum was present. Also present were members of the Burnet Volunteer Fire Department, Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department, and the City of Burnet Fire Department, as well as Paralegal Katy Hennings of The Carlton Law Firm. Residents of the District were also present.
2. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

The Board took up Item 13 first:

13. Public Comment: Residents from the north end of the District were present and provided public comment, inquiring about the process for adding water tanks and fire stations to their part of the District. Discussion was held between the Commissioners and residents, with Casey Daniels and Chief Ingram providing additional comment and information regarding stations and staffing.

BUDGET, PUBLIC HEARING and TAX RATE

3. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025. Roy Hallmark moved to approve the budget for fiscal year October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2025. John Smallwood seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes. The Board began the public hearing at 5:47 p.m. No comments were made, and the public hearing was concluded at 5:48 p.m.
5. Take a record vote on the District's 2024 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with the County Tax Assessor/Collector. John Smallwood moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.079910/\$100 valuation, which is effectively an 8.14 percent increase in the tax rate. Roy Hallmark seconded the motion, and the record vote was:

Roy Hallmark voted FOR the tax rate.
Clayton Smith voted FOR the tax rate.
Brenda Goble voted FOR the tax rate.
Randy Hartman voted FOR the tax rate.
John Smallwood voted FOR the tax rate.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to home page of District website. Brenda Goble moved to approve posting statement regarding adopted tax rate to the home page of the District's website. Roy Hallmark seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

REPORTS

7. Receive monthly report from the Treasurer and consider: **Brenda Goble presented the monthly financial report.**
 - (a) approval of payment of monthly bills and invoices:
 - (b) approval of monthly financial report:
John Smallwood moved to approve the monthly financial report, including the payment of monthly bills and invoices. Clayton Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
 - (c) current year budget amendments as necessary: **None.**
8. Receive monthly report from Burnet Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: **Report presented by Chief Casey Daniels.**
9. Receive monthly report from Lampasas Volunteer Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: **Report presented by Tim Weinrich.**
10. Receive monthly report from the City of Burnet Fire Department regarding financial matters, training, management activities and personnel, membership, and emergency operations and out of station times (including breakdown by apparatus) and call volume for fire/rescue calls and for EMS calls: **Report presented by Curtis Murphy.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

11. Review and consider approval of the July 22, 2024, regular meeting minutes and August 12, 2024 special meeting minutes. **John Smallwood moved to approve the July 22, 2024, regular meeting minutes and August 12, 2024, special meeting minutes. Clayton Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.**
12. Receive status report on strategic planning issues, discuss short-term and long-term goals for the District, and consider taking any necessary action: **Discussion was held with no action taken.**
13. **The Board returned to this item and further discussion was held among the residents, Commissioners, Casey Daniels and Chief Ingram regarding fire stations and staffing.**
14. Discuss agenda, time, and date for next meeting: **The Board's next meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m., on Monday, September 23, 2024, at the Burnet Community Center.**

/s/ Roy Hallmark

Roy Hallmark, Secretary for Burnet County
Emergency Services District No. 7

September 23, 2024