

COMAL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 6
September 12, 2022 MINUTES

The Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6 Commissioners met in regular session September 12, 2022 at the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department (BVFD) Central Station located at 23600 FM 3009, San Antonio, Texas 78266.

Agenda Item #1. Call to order and establish quorum.

Commissioner Coley called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Commissioners Maschek, Smith and Solomon were present. Commissioner Pierce was absent. BVFD Fire Chief Donald Zipp and Schertz EMS Representative Brandon Hill were also present.

Agenda Item #2. Receive Public Comment on topics not posted on the meeting agenda. 3–minute limit per citizen.

No public comment.

Agenda Item #3. Approval of the minutes of the August 8, 2022 regular meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2022 regular meeting as written was made by Commissioner Solomon and seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #4. Receive and take action on the Treasurer's report.

Commissioner Smith provided a copy of the treasurer's report to each commissioner. As of August 31, 2022, the cash balance in bank accounts was \$2,013,300.89. Motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Commissioner Solomon and seconded by Commissioner Maschek. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #5. Take action on the Treasurer's recommended monthly movement of funds from the General Money Market to the two Reserve Accounts.

Commissioner Smith moved that 1/12th of the annual total budgeted amount per reserve account be transferred from the General Money Market Account to the reserve accounts. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6. Take action on outstanding bills owed by ESD No. 6 District.

Commissioner Smith reported that there were eight bills for approval by the District. Our lawyer Ken Campbell from Burns Anderson Jury & Brenner invoiced us for \$180.00 for legal professional services; reimbursement of \$16,202.16 to BVFD for Motorola Software; reimbursement to BVFD of \$10,263.52 for new communications hardware, invoice from the Herald Zeitung for \$1,411.68 for publishing the ESD No. 6 Notice of

Meeting to Vote on Tax Rate; reimbursement of \$40.00 to Commissioner Coley for SAFE-D webinar training. The quarterly October contract payments to BVFD (\$446,825.00), Schertz EMS (\$41,238.22) and ESD No. 3 (\$64,593.75) were also presented for approval. Motion to pay the outstanding bills for the District was made by Commissioner Maschek and seconded by Commissioner Solomon. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #7. Receive a report on the recent activities of the Schertz EMS.

Schertz EMS Representative Brandon Hill reported that Schertz has been busy and COVID cases have been steady without any drastic increases. Those who have been vaccinated for the most part have less severe COVID symptoms. Commissioner Maschek provided the 2023 ESD No. 6 (minus the SH 46 corridor) population numbers to Jason Mabbitt for our Schertz EMS 2023 Contract.

Agenda Item #8. BVFD update, review, discussion and possible action on the “First-In Alerting Core Systems” interface with the Comal Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD).

Chief Zipp reported that BVFD may be able to go live within the next week or two with the BVFD computers interface with the Comal CAD. The radio system interface has been delayed to at least the end of the year. BVFD has eight radios that are outdated and will not be able to interface with the CAD. Commissioner Solomon made a motion that we authorize Chief Zipp to procure new radios at a cost not to exceed \$70,000. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #9. Receive a report on recent activities of the Bracken Volunteer Fire Department.

Chief Zipp reported that the department has been busy with testing of equipment, training and maintenance. The BVFD board will have to work on retirement and possible salary increases in the near future to retain our trained fire fighters.

Agenda Item #10. Review, discussion and possible action on authorizing BVFD Chief Zipp to contract for a new tanker truck.

Chief has received two quotes for the new elliptical tanker truck. The Pierce quote is over 30 days old and is \$548,556 and the Sutphen quote is \$452,884. Sutphen only has mobile service for their truck. Chief wants to investigate further on the Sutphen truck. The production of either truck will take 20 to 24 months after signing a contract. Commissioner Solomon made a motion to authorize Chief Zipp to contract for a tanker truck not to exceed \$600,000. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #11. Receive a Bracken Volunteer Fire Department Board update.

No board member was present.

Agenda Item #12. Discussion and record vote on the adoption of the 2022 Ad Valorem Tax Rate for Comal County Emergency Services District No 6.

Commissioner Maschek made the following motion: I move the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.084678 per \$100 valuation, which is effectively a 11.32 percent decrease in the tax rate. Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion and all Commissioners present verbally voted yes unanimously approving the tax rate increase. Commissioner Pierce was absent.

Commissioner Coley signed ESD No 6 ORDER NO. 09-12-2022-01 on the 12th day of September 2022. This order adopted an ad valorem tax rate for the 2022 tax year of \$0.084678 per \$100.00 valuation of the appraised property within the boundaries of the District. See the attached Encl 1.

Agenda Item #13. Set date, time, and location for next meeting of ESD No.6.

All commissioners agreed that the next regular meeting will be October 10, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the BVFD Central Station, 23600 FM 3009, San Antonio, TX.78266

Agenda Item #14. Adjourn

Commissioner Coley adjourned the meeting at 6:47 P.M.

Commissioner Randall P. Maschek, Secretary, ESD No. 6

 

Signature Date

ENCL:1. ORDER NO. 09-12-2022 Order of Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6

ORDER NO. 09-12-2022-01

**ORDER OF
COMAL COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6**

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF COMAL §

On the 12th day of September 2022, be it known that the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners of Comal County Emergency Services District No. 6 ("District") hereby adopted, by a majority vote of 5 in favor, 0 against, 0 present-not voting, and 0 absent, the District's ad valorem tax rate for the 2022 tax year of \$0.084678 per \$100.00 valuation of the appraised property within the boundaries of the District. Per the Texas Tax Code § 26.05, the District has no debt, and therefore a debt rate of \$0.00 per \$100 valuation, and all taxes raised by said maintenance and operation rate of \$0.084678 will be used to fund the maintenance and operation expenditures of the District for the next year.

THIS TAX RATE WILL GENERATE SLIGHTLY MORE IN TAX DOLLARS FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE REDUCED BY 11.32 PERCENT AND WILL DECREASE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$10.81.

Ordered on this the 12th day of September 2022.

COMALCOUNTY EMERGENCY
SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 6

By: *Herbert A. Coley*
Herbert A. Coley, President

ATTEST:

Randall P. Maschek
Randall P. Maschek, Secretary

Encl: 1. Order No. 09-12-2022