# NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

## MINUTES of the meeting held JUNE 17, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District no. 4 held a regular meeting on **JUNE 17, 2026, Wednesday at 8:00 AM**, in the conference room, 5781 FM 666, Fire Station No. 1, Robstown, Texas:

The minutes are as follows:

**MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM.

   The presiding officer called the meeting of the Nueces County Emergency Services District No. 4 to order at 8:00 AM. Let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members was present; that the meeting has been duly called, and that notice of this meeting has been posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

   Commissioners present – Geoff Atwood, Alton Koenning, Kathy Wimberly, Otis Grupe, and Paul Swetish.
   Quorum established.

   Others present – Fire Chief Michael Clack, EMS Director Stephanie Simmons, Ernest Garza of Ernest R, Garza & Co PC, NCESD No. 4 Fire personnel, Oscar Zepeda, and District legal counsel John Peeler (remotely).

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Public Comment.

   The Board President asked if anyone wished to offer public comments. No public comments were offered.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

   A. To approve the May 13, 2026 Regular board meeting minutes.
   A motion was made by Commissioner Wimberly, seconded by Commissioner Grupe, to approve the May 13, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

   B. To approve the disbursements and/or pre-paids from May 13, 2026, to June 17, 2026.
   Mr. Garza presented the disbursements. There was discussion on funds for Contractor and Architects fees and balances available in the Capital Projects fund; accounting for the total cost of the project. He noted they will need to transfer funds between District accounts to fund all payments to complete the project. A motion was made by Commissioner Swetish, seconded by Commissioner Koenning, to approve the May 13, 2026 to June 17, 2026 disbursements and/or pre-paids. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

   C. To approve the May 31, 2026, financial statements.

Mr. Garza reported the monthly financials noting: the sales tax is very strong compared to 2025, though June was lower. He discussed total funds available for Capital projects; loan funds available and how the funds are temporarily invested in Texas CLASS. He also discussed property tax collections and the split for maintenance and operations and debt. A motion was made by Commissioner Swetish, seconded by Commissioner Wimberly, to approve the May 31, 2026, financial statements. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Update on Banquete No. 43 Fire Station.

   Chief Clack presented information on the project noting: the rain has caused a pause in construction and could cause the slab to be re-poured. He noted that the slab is being assessed for damage. He also noted the water district needs to approve a water line permit, so he is working on that but hasn't received a response. For now, the well is being used. He also noted issues with the planned location of water lines with the roads and the engineers are reviewing and may need to go under Highway 44.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Executive Session 551.074.

   Executive Session was held from 8:21 AM to 8:29 AM.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Salary and Benefits.

   Mr. Garza noted that he and Mr. Peeler would provide information on this item at a later meeting. There was no action on this agenda item.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Fire Chief's report. A) Public relations, B) Training C). Station/equipment status D). Fire calls.

   Chief Clack noted that all trucks are in service and that the Tanker still needs equipment which has been ordered. He is currently working on the budget for paid staff and volunteer staff stipends and will present to the Board in July but noted that the property tax numbers would not be available then. The Board requested a 3–5-year estimate on payroll and staffing. Chief Clack also noted that the rescue truck had a door damaged, but it is back in service and that staff member had been terminated. There was discussion on equipment and trucks for Station 43 including moving a medic unit there. Chief Clack noted it would be approximately $60,000 to fully equip the second medic unit, but they are holding off until the Station construction is closer to being finished. He expects there to be some capital funds available and they may need a new stretcher. There was some discussion on stretcher costs and heart monitor maintenance and the need for electric stretches to assist EMTs with heavy patients. There was discussion on new ambulance costs versus new chassis. Chief Clack also noted that they have not started on furniture for the new station. He said there are some appliances included in the budget, but not furniture. There was a discussion on bay exhaust systems and possible NFPA requirements. The new station does not have an exhaust system in place due to having front and back doors. There was no action on this agenda item.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment.

A motion was made by Commissioner Swetish, seconded by Commissioner Wimberly, to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion caried.

Meeting closed at 8:49 a.m.

Commissioner

Signature

Date

8/12/25