

NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

MINUTES of the meeting held AUGUST 12, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District No. 4 held a special meeting on **AUGUST 12, 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.

Chairperson will call the meeting of the Nueces County Emergency Services District Number Four to order and let the record show that a quorum of the Board Members is 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 –Kathy Wimberly, Geoff Atwood, Alton Koenning, Paul Swetish and Otis Grupe.

Absent -None.

Quorum established. Meeting opened at 8:00 a.m.

Others present – Fire Chief Michael Clack; EMS Director Stephanie Simmons; NCESD 4 Fire personnel Oscar Zepeda; Ernest R, Garza, CPA; and District legal counsel John Peeler (remotely).

2. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Public Comment

Barbara Jones, expressed her ongoing frustration regarding how the meeting minutes are prepared. She also renewed her ongoing complaint about commissioner continuing education records.

Chief Clack welcomed Training Captain Town Brown who is part of our staff now.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: To approve the prior meeting minutes.

A): To approve the June 17, 2026 special board meeting minutes.

A review of the June 17, 2026 special board meeting minutes was conducted. A motion to approve the June 17, 2026 special board meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Wimberly, motion was seconded by Commissioner Koenning. Motion passed 5-0.

B): To approve the July 8, 2026 regular board meeting minutes.

A review of the July 8, 2026 regular board meeting minutes was conducted. A motion to approve the July 8, 2026 regular board meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Swetish, motion was seconded by Commissioner Wimberly. Motion passed 5-0.

C): To approve the disbursements and/or prepaids for June 17, 2026 to August 12, 2026.

A review of the disbursements and/or prepaids for June 17, 2026 to August 12, 2026 was made. Accountant Garza stated the disbursements and/or prepaids were \$329,881.82 for general expenditures, EMS expenditures were \$107,646.23 and fire expenditures were \$10,507.74. Commissioners had questions on the construction projects payments for capital to Nueces Water Supply and to Marshall for outlay no. 8. March 11, 2026 regular board meeting minutes was made. A motion to approve the disbursements and/or prepaids for June 17, 2026 to August 12, 2026 was made by Commissioner Swetish, motion was seconded by Commissioner Koenning. Motion passed 5-0.

D). DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: To approve the July 31, 2026 financial statements.

Mr. Garza reported the financials for July 31, 2026 reported the General fund had cash of \$6,312,601, which was \$2,631,739 more than last year's General fund cash of \$3,680,861. The I&S cash was \$5,380 and the Capital Projects reported cash of \$1,611,141.

General Fund revenue for the ten months ending July 31, 2026 were \$5,030,499 with transfers in of \$1,795,222 for payments to the construction project. This is \$1,333,636 up from the prior year of \$2,021,876 from the prior year. Sales tax is at \$1,972,126 for this year compared to \$638,490 from the prior year. General Fund expenditures were \$3,371,111 for a net revenue over expenditures of \$1,659,388. A motion to approve the July 31, 2026 financial statements was made by Commissioner Grupe, motion was seconded by Commissioner Swetish. Motion passed 5-0.

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

Station Update

1. Concrete is schedule for next Tuesday.
2. Water is still being discussed.
3. Building frame and roofing has been delivered.

Truck

1. Hose and some of the adapters have been placed on T-43 along with power tools.

Membership

1. Training is going well; we have our first firefighter ready to challenge the State test.

Paid Employees (EMS) and (Firefighters)

1. We are interviewing for future employees; we are currently looking to fill some open positions in the next 3 to 4 weeks.

New Business

Budget proposal includes staffing for future station 43 once it is open.

Announcements

June EMS Calls 61, Fire calls 2.

July EMS Calls 53, Fire calls 3.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: 2026-2027 proposed budget (set calendar for budget workshops and meetings).

Accountant Garza went over the tax calendar. Today's meeting has setting the proposed tax rate on the next item. On August 26th, we will adopt the budget and set the tax rate. The No New Revenue Tax rate is \$0.097875/\$100 and the Voter Approval Tax Rate is \$0.122823/\$100, which exceeds the District's statutory maximum rate of \$0.10/\$100.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Set the proposed 2026 tax rate for 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Accountant Garza explained the max tax rate is \$0.10/\$100 with the Debt Rat (I&S) needing to be set at \$0.027985/\$100, leaving available for the Maintenance & Operations rate up to \$0.072015/\$100. The valuations are at \$1,037,470,323 up slightly from the prior year. A motion to propose the District 2026 tax rate at \$0.10/\$100 [\$0.027985/\$100 for Debt (I&S) and \$0.072015/\$100 for M&O] was made by Commissioner Wimberly, motion was seconded by Commissioner Koenning. Motion was approved 5-0.

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

Chief Clack went over the update at the station, the concrete is looking to be poured soon.

The Board convened in Closed Session at 8:50 AM under Government Code section 551.074 to deliberate regarding personnel and section 551.071 to consult with legal counsel.

Board came out of Closed Session at 9:17 AM.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment.

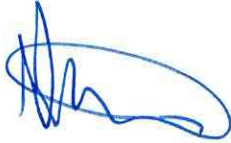
Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Swetish, motion was seconded by Commissioner Wimberly. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting closed at 9:17 a.m.

Commissioner

Signature

Date

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