

**NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NUMBER FOUR  
5781 FM 666, ROBSTOWN, TEXAS 78380  
AGENDA NOTICE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TO BE HELD AT  
FIRE STATION NUMBER ONE  
5781 FM 666, ROBSTOWN, TX 78380**

**MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

The Fire Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District Number Four held a special meeting on **November 21, 2024 Thursday at 8:00 AM**, in the conference room, 5781 FM 666, Fire Station No. 1, Robstown, Texas:

*Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Ernest R. Garza at 361-241-2452 at least 48 hours in advance so that appropriate arrangements can be made.*

*PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Commission may go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss matters listed on the agenda, when authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. In the event the Commission elects to go into executive session regarding any agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer. The Commission may also address items in no particular order.*

The minutes are as follows:

**AGENDA**

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 –Otis Grupe, Geoff Atwood, Barbara Jones, Paul Swetish and Donald Herrmann. Absent - None- Quorum established. Meeting opened at 8:00 a.m.

Others present – Ernest R, Garza, CPA, Michael Clack – NCESD#4 Fire Chief NCESD#4 EMS Director Stephanie Simmons, and Oscar Zepeda, Assistant Fire Chief.

2. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** A). To approve the November 13, 2024 regular board meeting minutes.

The commissioners reviewed the November 13, 2024 regular board meeting minutes, after the review, a motion to approve the November 13, 2024 regular board meeting minutes was made by Commissioner Hermann, motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, motion passed 3-0.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: To purchase building for behind Station 1 to put extra tires, lawn equipment including the tractor.

Fire chief Clack provided information for a 20'x30' rectangular building with 12 x 12 doors. Commissioner Swetish suggested running a 2"x 3" pipe for electrical lines if necessary. A motion to approve the purchase a 20'x30' building for \$15,000 and suggested running a 2"x3" pipe was made by Commissioner Swetish, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grupe. Motion passed 5-0.

4. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Sale of surplus property at public auction. This will include items the District no longer has or serves a purpose including hummers.

Chief Clack stated that there is equipment that has no use to the District and needs to be sold at auction, that would be easier than trying to sell ourselves to a bidder with all the necessary newspaper publication requirements. We want to sell 2 hummers also because they are getting rat infested. Also a piece of equipment was donated to Nueces Jim Wells County ESD#5. Discussion of the 2 hummers that were sold after we bought them. Commissioner Jones asked why was that done without the 18 month requirement before you sold them. Commissioner Atwood stated we did not know about that at the time. Commissioner Jones asked if we had told the Federal Surplus about this issue. Commissioner Atwood stated we wanted to move forward. After the discussion, a motion to approve the sale of the surplus property at public auction we have no further use including the hummers was made by Commissioner Swetish, motion was seconded by Commissioner Grupe. Motion passed 4-1, with Commissioner Jones voting against.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Real Estate – Banquete, Texas, Update.

Discussion of not receiving any information on the 5.0 acre property and then the discussion of the 2.905 acres for a purchase price of \$35,000. Discussion ensued regarding the a. property being in a flood zone, b. price of 35,000 and c. confirming the size – contract said 2.625 but survey stated 2.905 acres. Commissioner Jones stated he had concerns that a lot of area is by the creek. Chief Clack stated that he would meet with the Nueces County Engineer Juan Pimental to confirm on the maps if this is in a flood zone or if we need to do anything to the property. Commissioner Swetish motioned to purchase the property under 3 conditions a. Flood zone, b. Price at \$35,000 and c. confirm size. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. Motion passed 5-0.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Removing of territory from Nueces County Emergency Service District No. 4 boundaries known as Collins circle in San Patricio County from the coverage area.

Chief Clack went over from the initial time the NCESD#4 was notified that it was carrying Collins Street in San Patricio County.

Sometime back in time 1960's, we understand Nueces River changed and thus Collins street from San Patricio County was included in NCESD#4. The NCESD#4 commissioners have been appointed for years back then, the result of being in Dual Counties would require the District to have its commissioners elected. Also, the taxpayers in Collins Street have been taxed without ever having an election to be in the NCESD#4 District. Chief Clack and staff went Nueces and San Patricio County Clerk office to go thru the paperwork and see if they could find have anywhere where if their was an election to allow San Patricio or Nueces County. None was found. Not sure how San Patricio included this land with Nueces County. Chief Clack mentioned he talked to the San Patricio County Attorney how to rectify the situation. San Patricio County Attorney said a public hearing would be needed, a public hearing would be needed to reach all the applicable taxpayers. That was done November 6, 2024. The NCESD4 staff went to each house with mailings and signs put up so that every person coming and going would see the sign of the public hearing event. To date, one person came and said she didn't want to be taxed anymore because she had come to the station to explain that she was in the District and pays taxes and that the District personnel had said that she was outside the District. Chief Clack discussed and explained that NCESD#4 would have to pay back 5 years of property taxes but would still provide mutual aid, staff will get with the San Patricio County Sheriff office to confirm the proper 911 response and call center. After the lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Commission Grupe to remove the territory from Nueces County Emergency Service District No. 4 boundaries known as Collins Circle in San Patricio from the coverage area by Resolution No. NCESD4-2024-0001, passed this November 21, 2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Swetish. Motion passed 5-0.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Public Comment.

No public comment.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Training.

No action on this item

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Grupe, motion was seconded by Commissioner Swetish. Motion passed 5-0. Meeting ended at 8:50 a.m.

Commissioner

Signature

Date