

NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

MINUTES of the meeting held SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District no. 4 held a regular meeting on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 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, Paul Swetish, and Otis Grupe.

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

There was no public comment.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

a. To approve August 12, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by **Commissioner Grupe**, to approve the August 12, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

b. To approve August 26, 2026, Special Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Koenning**, to approve the August 26, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

c. To approve the disbursement and/or pre-pays from August 12, 2026, to September 9, 2026.

Mr. Garza presented the disbursements for approval. There was a discussion on employee health insurance costs being higher due to more employees being on insurance. A motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by

Commissioner Wimberly, to approve the disbursements and pre-pays as presented. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

d. To approve financial statements for the period ending August 31, 2026.

Mr. Garza presented the financial statements noting expenditures and tax reflections year-to-date versus last year. He discussed money funds between accounts to better track spending in different categories. He also noted the inconsistency of monthly sales tax revenues. A motion was made by **Commissioner Grupe**, seconded by **Commissioner Koenning**, to approve the financial statements as presented. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

e. To approve budget amendments as of August 31, 2026.

Mr. Garza presented information on this item noting moving funds between line items. There was some discussion on EMS supplies and EMS capital expenses. There was also some discussion on construction and architect fees and paying a construction loan off early. Lastly there was discussion on moving \$2,000,000 from the general fund to the Capital Fund. A motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by **Commissioner Grupe**, to approve the budget amendments as presented. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried. A separate motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Koenning**, to approve to move the funds from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

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

Chief Clack gave an update noting: all the concrete is poured; structural metal is onsite and should start erecting same soon. There was a discussion on security as well as utilities at the site. The Board also discussed access to the site and the oil related gate at the site being secure and accessible to the oil company. Lastly there was a discussion on the planned opening ceremony timing. There was no action on this agenda item.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Fire Chief's Report

a. Public Relations

Chief Clack presented information about public relations and there was a short discussion on a grant.

b. Training

Chief Clack Noted that there are two new volunteers and two new paid employees and they are training with current staff.

c. Station/Equipment Status

Chief Clack noted that the new rescue truck should be completed at the end of the month. He also discussed where the vehicles and equipment would be stationed once the new station is open.

d. Fire Calls

Chief Clack noted 71 EMS calls and 9 Fire calls.

6. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Water District Proposal

Chief Clack noted that he is talking to South Texas Water and expects some details from them on the easement soon.

7. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by **Commissioner Grupe**, to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 5 to 0, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.



Commissioner Signature

10/14/26

Date