NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

MINUTES of the meeting held JULY 8, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District no. 4 held a regular meeting on **Wednesday, JULY 8, 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, and Paul Swetish.
   Quorum established.
   Commissioners absent – Otis Grupe.

   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.

   Barbara Jones expressed concerns about the meeting minutes and noted she would like the draft minutes posted on the website. She also expressed her displeasure about Commissioner continuing education records not being available for review in the manner that she believes is appropriate. No other public comment was given.

3. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:

   A. To approve the May 13, 2026 Regular board meeting minutes.
   There was no action taken on this item as it was noted as an error on the agenda. These minutes were approved at a prior meeting.

   B. To approve the disbursements and/or pre-paids from May 13, 2026, to June 17, 2026.
   There was no action taken on this item as it was noted as an error on the agenda. These minutes were approved at a prior meeting.

   C. To approve the May 31, 2026, financial statements.
   Mr. Garza reported on the monthly financials with a short discussion on sales tax and its use for expenses. A motion was made by **Commissioner Koenning,**

seconded by **Commissioner Swetish**, to approve the May 31, 2026, financial statements. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

D. To approve the June 30, 2026, financial statements.
Mr. Garza reported on the June monthly financials with a discussion on costs for the new station construction. My. Garza also noted that tax setting was coming up in August. A motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by **Commissioner Wimberly**, to approve the June 30, 2026, financial statements. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

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

   Chief Clack reported: they are retesting the foundation and rebar due to the rain; engineers are also reviewing erosion issues and that will include new soil sampling. He also noted a delay of the concrete pour originally scheduled for mid-May.

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Executive Session 551.071 and 557.074.

   Executive Session was held from 8:20 AM to 8:52 AM.

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

   There was no discussion 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 provided updates on call volume and noted they are waiting on two loads of crushed concrete for Station 42 to fix and finish the driveway for Rescue 42 and Oscar repaired the driveway at Station 41. He noted the equipment for Tanker 43 has been ordered and will be put on the truck as it comes in, and that the thermal imagers are in and the training has been completed. There were no membership changes and Chief has drafted the preliminary budget that includes retirement for paid and volunteer members and also includes pay per call for volunteers. Chief Clack noted that he sees the increased call volume as the new normal and is looking at costs for adding a new ambulance. The Board asked for data on miles run by ambulances per month. There was no action on this item.

8. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Water District Proposal.
   Chief Clack reviewed the proposed costs and line capacity as proposed by Nueces Water Supply Corp with the Board. A motion was made by **Commissioner Swetish**, seconded by **Commissioner Koenning**, to authorize the Board President to execute the documents across Water Districts 4 and 5 and SWA to get the required water for the station with costs up to $80,000. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

9. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment.

A motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Swetish,** to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion caried.

Meeting closed at 9:10 a.m.

Commissioner

Signature

Date

8/12/26