NUECES COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT No. 4

MINUTES of the meeting held OCTOBER 14, 2026

The Commissioners of the Nueces County Emergency Services District no. 4 held a regular meeting on **Wednesday, October 14, 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 Otis Grupe.
Quorum established.

Commissioners absent - Paul Swetish

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 September 9, 2026, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by **Commissioner Grupe**, seconded by **Commissioner Wimberly**, to approve the September 9, 2026, meeting minutes. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

   b. **To approve the disbursement and/or pre-paids from September 9, 2026, to October 14, 2026.**

Mr. Garza presented the disbursements for approval. There was a discussion on payment for a truck to receive grant reimbursement. There was also discussion on access to equipment and medication requiring 2 medics. A motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Grupe**, to approve the disbursements and pre-paids as presented. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

   c. **To approve the September 30, 2026 financial statements.**

Mr. Garza presented the financial statement noting recent payments from the tax office deposited into Texas CLASS. There was a discussion about moving funds from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for a station, and how much remained for a new station. A motion was made by **Commissioner Grupe**, seconded by **Commissioner Wimberly**, to approve the financial statements as presented. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

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

Chief Clack gave an update noting: the exterior insulation being installed and the interior walls and exterior siding would be complete soon. He also noted that the new completion date is the end of March 2027. Chief Clack asked the architect to develop a change order on concrete to add water facilities. Lastly, he noted that there is a possibility to move to a well if that water system isn't available due to the easement issues. 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.

   b. **Training**

Chief Clack Noted that training is still progressing. The volunteers train with the paid staff on Monday nights and the paid staff trains with Annaville on Tuesday nights. Chief also noted that they are fully staffed with full-time personnel and they are allowing part-time staff to pick up shifts while the new staff is in training. They hope to add three more full-time positions in January 2027.

   c. **Station/Equipment Status**

Chief Clack noted that Station 42 had a power pole fall during the last storm and had to have it replaced and rewired and there were two additional lights installed in the Training Room at Station 41. The new rescue truck would be completed in October and should be received in November. He noted Tanker 43 is out of service for a body control module and that Rescue 42 is back in service.

   d. **Fire Calls**

Chief Clack noted 67 EMS calls and 1 Fire call. There was a short discussion on fire response times. Chief Clack noted that he has concerns with the data provided by MetroCom, and the District is adding equipment to the trucks to better track response times.

6. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Ambulance Equipment Supplies**

Chief Simmons presented a spreadsheet on billing noting it doesn't match any payments from the billing company. There is a concern that the billing company is charging a percent of collections but not adequately reporting what they pay to the District. She requested an agenda item for November to change their billing company. There was also discussion on supplies for the reserve ambulance totally approximately $125,000. A motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Koenning**, to approve the equipment and supplies in the amount of $125,00 for the reserve ambulance. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

7. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Public Information Act requests and complaints.**

District Counsel John Peeler gave an update on current PIA requests. There was no action on this agenda item.

8. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made by **Commissioner Wimberly**, seconded by **Commissioner Grupe**, to adjourn the meeting. With a vote of 4 to 0, the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 a.m.

Commissioner Signature

11/10/26
Date