

MEDINA COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #4

MEETING MINUTES

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Medina County Emergency Services District No. 4, to be at ESD Building located at 206 Dixon Dr., Devine, TX 78016 at 7:00 PM on December 12, 2025

- 1) **Call for and Establish Quorum:** 4 out of 5 board members present-quorum established-19:05 started meeting
 - a) President (Steve Smith), Vice President (Anthony Martin), Treasurer (Patrick Dubose), Assistant Treasurer (Vacant), Secretary (Brenda Butler)
- 2) **Call Meeting to Order:**
 - a) Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance: Tony Martin led prayer and Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) **Citizens' Comments:** Comments will be limited to three minutes per citizen: Mayor of Natalia-Tommy Ortiz spoke about questions coming to them about the new building not being started yet. Talked about the old members being in contract and now what? He wants to ask the Judge and county commissioners to come in and look and make the decision. Steve Smith acknowledges the decision needs to be made quickly; states they will go into executive session to discuss options.
- 4) Review, Discuss and Approval of November 2025 Meeting Minutes: motion made by Brenda, 2nd by Tony, all approved, motion carried
- 5) Review, Discuss and Approval of the Financial Report ESD Budget Committee Reports: Motion made by Brenda, seconded by Tony, all approved, motion carried
- 6) **Financial Report:**
 - a) Review, Discuss and Approval of ESD 4 Budget changes if needed. Amend budget to show the purchase of the new ambulance unit \$45,000; Patrick made a motion, 2nd by Tony, all approved, motion carried. Amend budget to absorb \$118,931.10 for Zoll contract and new refurbished monitor purchased-table to next month to get numbers from treasurer.
 - b) Consider and Approve payment of Bills/Invoices: Tony made a motion to pay \$32,098.13 in bills, 2nd by Brenda, all approved, motion carried
 - c) Consider, Discuss and approve adding Brenda Butler as a signer on all ESD #4 bank accounts: Patrick made a motion to add Brenda on Jan 14th after next meeting and minutes approved, 2nd by Tony, all approved, motion carried
 - d) Consider, Discuss and approve the removal of Anthony Martin as a signer on January 1, 2026, from all ESD #4 bank accounts: Brenda made a motion, 2nd by Patrick, all approved, motion carried
 - e) Review, Discuss and Approve auditor and answer questionnaires: Patrick motioned to keep auditor and fill out paperwork, seconded by Brenda, all approved, motion passed.
 - f) Review, Discuss and Approve final payment to Allegiance Mobile Health: Patrick made a motion to pay the final payment of \$17,666.00 because they were behind paying, always a month behind. 2nd by Tony, all approved, motion passed unanimously.
- 7) **Chief's Report:** no action needed, all discussion
 - a) Discuss Ambulance out of area times/Run reports
 - b) Discuss Financial report
 - c) Discuss Fleet Report
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Consider and approve new Building for Natalia station 41: went into executive session for this entered executive session 20:30 and reopened session 20:50. Board came out of executive session and discussed interlocal agreement between ESD 4 and City of Natalia.

Motion by Patrick, second by Tony to send 30 days' notice to end the interlocal agreement to the city of Natalia. Motion passed 4-0.

- b) Motion made by Tony, second by Brenda, to authorize Steve Smith and Chief Powers to make an offer up to \$150,000 for property to build on. Motion passed unanimously
- c) Consider and approve interlocal agreement between ESD #1: no action, put on agenda next month
- d) Discuss update on Vector Solutions: taken care of by Patrick-done no action needed.
- e) Update on the AT&T Fiber: ongoing process, need a letter from regional guy stating \$3,800 credit, 2 accounts billed, possibly getting rid of First Net, no action, table and put back on agenda next month.

9) **Regular Meeting: January 14, 2026, set by Steve Smith**

10) **ESD Board Member updates no action**

11) **Call for adjournment Brenda motion at 21:01, 2nd by Tony, all approved, motion carried.**

The district reserves the right to consider and take action on the above agenda items in any order. It also reserves the right to enter into a closed meeting on any agenda item as allowed by law. A Citizens Comment Form must be filed with the Secretary at least 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the meeting for an individual to be allowed to speak during Citizen Comment. By completing the Citizen Comment Form, the individual understands and acknowledges that the public is not entitled to choose the items to be discussed by the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners. The individual executing the Citizen Comment Form understands that he/she is provided with a limited amount of time, and that he/he may not be allowed to continue to address the Board of Emergency Services Commissioners if the comments are rude, disparaging or defamatory to any individual or entity, or the comments become disruptive to the good order of the meeting. If at a meeting of a governmental body, a member of the public or of the governmental body inquires about a subject for which notice has not been given as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act, the notice provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act do not apply to a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or, any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. It should be noted that pursuant to Section 38.13, Texas Penal Code, HINDERING PROCEEDINGS BY DISORDERLY CONDUCT: (a) A person commits an offense if he intentionally hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance; (b) A person commits an offense if he recklessly hinders an official proceeding by noise or violent or tumultuous behavior or disturbance and continues after explicit official request to desist; and, (c) An offense under Section 38.15, Texas Penal Code is a Class A misdemeanor.

Respectfully Submitted
Steve Smith, President
Medina County ESD #4

Posted according to all known meeting acts:
December 8, 2025