

Hays County ESD No. 4—Wimberley Fire Rescue  
Meeting Minutes

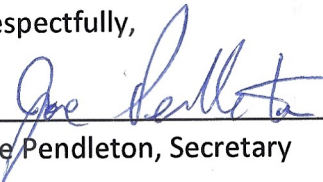
For the Special Called Meeting to Conduct a Public Hearing on Tax Increase and Meeting to Adopt Tax Rate, on August 17, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

1. President Ron Spangenberg called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.
2. Commissioners present were Mr. Ron Spangenberg, Mr. Joe Pendleton, Mr. Chuck Ware, Mr. John White and Mr. Larry Coker were in attendance. A quorum was present. Fire Chief Carroll Czichos and Executive Assistant Angel Robinson were present.
3. Public comment: No public were in attendance, no public signed in and no public comments were made.
4. Public comment on agenda items: No public were in attendance, no public signed in and no public comments were made. See Attachment A.
5. Report on Central Station Addition's Construction Contract; President Spangenberg stated the General Contractor Construction Contract between ESD No. 4 and G Creek Construction has been signed. The Contractor is working on the construction schedule; and total project timeframe is 185 days. The permit is still in review by the City of Wimberley. The anticipated start date is mid to late September. No action necessary.
6. Consider taking action regarding budget for fiscal year October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022; President Spangenberg presented the revised budget proposed for FY 2021 -2022. The retirement line-item was increased to provide staff with a more comprehensive retirement plan. Texas County and District Retirement System (TCDRS) provided quotes, for several different options, to the District. The TCDRS representative will join the August 31 Board of Commissioner's meeting for more detailed review. Salary adjustments are in place to fund three Captain positions, however, the 32-hour administrative position with benefits is not funded in this budget. Funding the Central Station Addition and Ms. Scudder's previous contribution of \$2,000 for furniture for firefighters is included. President Spangenberg stated he would like to entertain a motion to adopt a budget of \$3,209,330 which includes \$1.2m for the Living Quarter Addition cost to Budget. Mr. John White made a motion to adopt ESD No. 4 FY 2021-2022 budget in the amount of \$3,209,330. Mr. Chuck Ware seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
7. Conduct a public hearing on the proposal to increase property taxes; President Spangenberg stated no members of the public were signed in or in attendance. No action.
8. Take a record vote on the District's 2021 tax rate, adopt an Order Levying Taxes, authorize filing the Order with Hays County Tax Assessor/Collector; President Spangenberg stated the Board previously adopted a tax rate cap of 5 cents per \$100 property value. He opened the floor for a motion to adopt the tax rate. Mr. Chuck Ware presented a motion as follows, "I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.05 per \$100, which is

effectively a 7.712 percent increase in the tax rate.” The motion was seconded by Mr. Joe Pendleton. Record vote:

- Mr. Larry Coker voted yea
  - Mr. John White voted yea
  - Mr. Joe Pendleton voted yea
  - Mr. Chuck Ware voted yea
  - President Spangenberg abstained; and
9. Acknowledge and approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax to home page of District’s website; President Spangenberg entertained a motion to approve posting of the tax rate statement. Mr. Chuck Ware made a motion to approve posting of statement regarding adopted tax rate to the home page of the District’s website. Mr. Joe Pendleton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
  10. Discuss and consider the pursuit of land/property for future Fire Station; Fire Chief Czichos reported the property owner should have the contractual documentation to ESD No. 4 the afternoon of August 17, 2021. No action at this time.
  11. Discuss and consider finalizing financing with Government Capital for Central Station Addition construction project; President Spangenberg reported Carlton Law Firm is preparing an opinion letter on this transaction. The financing packet has been completed by Government Capital Corporation. Mr. Kevin Lerner of Government Capital confirmed via telephone that the Treasurer may sign the financing documents in place of the Secretary due to scheduling conflicts. President Spangenberg entertained a motion to execute the financing documents. A motion was made by Mr. Chuck Ware to authorize President Spangenberg and Treasurer Ware to sign the financial documents necessary to execute Government Capital’s financing of the Central Station Addition. The motion passed unanimously.
  12. Adjourn; President Spangenberg adjourned the meeting 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully,



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Joe Pendleton, Secretary





**HAYS COUNTY  
EMERGENCY SERVICE DISTRICT #4  
PUBLIC SIGN-IN (SPEAKERS ONLY)**



*Exhibit A*

**Purpose of the Meeting** Adopt Budget, Adopt Tax Rate 2021-22 **Date** 8-17-2021

1. Public Comment: Members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes on items not on the current agenda. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, any response to a public comment that is made on an item that is not on the published final agenda will be limited to a statement of factual information or a statement of existing policy given in response to the public comment. Any deliberation or decision by the Board must be limited to a proposal to place the subject on a future agenda;
  
2. Public comment on agenda items. Individual members of the public may address the Board for a maximum of three minutes per person per agenda item. Individuals may address the Board once per item. Members of the public will speak on an agenda item after comments on the item is called for by the presiding officer, but before Board discussion and consideration of the item;

Name of Speaker/Address (Please Print)

Agenda Item/Issue

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