In accordance with chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, notice is hereby given to the public that the Commissioners of the Bexar County Emergency Service District No. 6 had a Strategic Planning Workshop on January 16, 2021 at 10:00 am at the OEM/FMO office located at 9810 Southton Road, San Antonio, TX 78223.

This workshop was held by telephonic conference call in accordance with the order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020 and in compliance with the guidelines outlined therein, the Board conducted its meeting via telephonic conference call in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings to slow the spread of the Coronavirus.

The public was able to listen to the workshop by calling 1-800-201-7439 and entering conference code 381535 when prompted. The audio of this meeting was recorded. In accordance with the Texas Public Information Act, copies will be available upon written request.

The Commissioners took no action during this workshop. Action, if any, will be taken up at the regular board meeting.

The Bexar County Emergency Service District No. 6 provides unrestricted access for the disabled.

1. Call to order and establish a quorum:
The workshop was called to order and a quorum was established. Board members in attendance were Sofía Castillo, Isaac Griego, Christopher Cavazos, Edgar Castillo, and Michael Shannon.

For the sake of the new commissioner, each board member introduced themselves and gave a little bit of their background.

2. The Board will engage in open dialogue, discussions, and strategic planning and budgeting for the District.
The Board began with revisiting their Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) since the last workshop in March 2019.

Strengths:
- There is a full 5 person board now
- The district’s relationship with ESD2 since 2013
- Reserve fund / Investment Fund from sales tax revenue
- This board also serves as Directors for the nonprofit Fire Rescue board

Weaknesses:
- Revenue – FY2021 budget is $1.5 mil and contract with ESD2 is $1.4 mil

Opportunities:
- New county commissioner Becky Clay-Flores
- New businesses, new sales tax revenue
- Overlay district for EMS
- Training (Safe-D)
- Possible contracts with other ESDs
Threats:
- COSA annexation
- Tax base cannot increase

The board then reviewed the accomplishments and goals from last planning session.
- The apparatus bay has been completed.
- The land was purchased for a station in Sandy Oaks.
- Hiring a grant-writer was postponed.
- The living quarters at Station 161 is in the works.
- The brush truck was purchased.
- Procurement for Station 162 (Sandy Oaks) is in the works.
- The purchase of a second truck was set aside believing the money was better spent with upgrades to the new fire station.
- Financial reserve account was done.
- Develop road connections. This item was not completed.

Ideas for a 2021 Action Plan include:
- Getting vehicle maintenance costs under control
- Take steps to maintain operations
- Advocacy – Engage / educate new commissioner; Bexar County Public Works; SAWS
- Better relationships with local leaders – Mayor of Sandy Oaks; SSISD Superintendent; Losoya
- Reduce equipment maintenance costs – obtain or upgrade to newer equipment
- Negotiate in ILA agreement to be provided better, newer equipment
- Research grants
- Asset tags for District inventory
- Ipads and / or internet hotspots for commissioners to improve communications
- Explore opportunities for revenue protection
- Public relations – grand openings – post on Facebook and website

The next Strategic Planning Workshop will be held February 20, 2021 at 10:00 am at the OEM/FMO office at 9810 Southton Road, San Antonio, TX 78223.

3. Adjourn.
The workshop was adjourned at 1:16 pm.