



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-204-6000

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)
Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)
Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)
David Sweet (Rck. County)

Board Members Absent:

Barry Brooks (Heath)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)

1. Call to order

David Sweet, President of the ES Corporation, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the above listed board members being present and absent.

2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the following meetings:

a. December 2, 2015 ES Corp. Regular Board Meeting

Board Member Lewis made a motion to approve the December minutes. Board Member Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

b. January 20, 2016 ES Corp. Special Board Meeting.

Assistant Board Secretary, Kristy Cole of Rockwall, indicated that she has not yet finalized this set of minutes. As a result, this item was not addressed by the board, and no action was taken at this time.

3. Discuss / act on the ES Corp. Treasurer's Report(s)

David Peek, Board Treasurer, provided a verbal update to the board regarding his November and December reports. He shared information concerning the bank account balances as well as payments to and by the Corporation. An audit firm, Rutherford, Taylor & Company, is performing an audit of the Corporation for the year that ended September 30, 2015. A draft has been completed, and he will get the final report scheduled to be presented at a future meeting, perhaps in February. He mentioned that the Corporation's second-to-last debt payment on the law enforcement firing range facility, which was an interest only payment, was recently made. This debt is slated to be entirely paid off by late summer.

Board Member Lewis made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Board Member Hatfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program Report(s)

Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the board on the tornado that, in part, affected the City of Rowlett and a small portion of Rockwall County on December 26, 2015. He shared that, through damage assessments, the counties affected (Dallas and Rockwall) as well as the cities are trying to reach the financial thresholds needed to qualify for both "PA" (Public Assistance) and "IA" (Individual Assistance) through FEMA. Public Assistance, he explained, helps supplement replacement costs/repairs for public infrastructure that was damaged; whereas Individual Assistance would help residents whose homes were damaged. In order to qualify for "IA," he shared that at least 800 homes must have sustained "major damage" or must have been "destroyed," and those structures must have been deemed "under insured" or "uninsured." So, qualifying for IA may be a challenge. The City of Rowlett sent out a survey several times asking residents to please take time to fill it out, as the survey questions were related to the city's attempts at qualifying for IA. The Governor of Texas sent out paperwork yesterday to the President to try and get a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Rockwall County issued a disaster declaration. The county's threshold to qualify for Public Assistance funding is \$279,000. He explained that FEMA considers debris from private homes to be a "public health issue." \$1.6 million is the estimated damage, so the "PA" threshold was more than met.

Rowlett's ES Corporation Board Member, Debby Bobbitt, arrived to the meeting at this point (5:15 p.m.)

Regarding donations and volunteers, 60-70% of calls were from people wanting to help or donate. Various churches and Helping Hands were brought together in a meeting with Rockwall County to discuss and help coordinate these efforts in hopes of eliminating duplication of efforts. Mr. DeLane explained that donations sometimes result in a "disaster after the disaster" if not well managed / controlled. He shared that he has a follow up meeting scheduled with these organizations in February.

Sweet indicated that he would like to be proactive about learning who does what during and after a disaster. He would like this knowledge shared with the individual cities in Rockwall County. Mr. DeLane would like to brief cities on their own roles and responsibilities if this type of disaster were to affect one of them. He indicated that an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) briefing was conducted for Rockwall County and the City of Rockwall a few years ago; however, he would like to do this again for all cities and the county soon. In addition, he will try to work with the State Division of Emergency Management to get a "public officials workshop" scheduled for Rockwall County. He shared that the last time one was held, attendance was not very high. He explained that this work shop would last at least a couple of hours.

Board Member Lewis of Rockwall suggested that now would be a good time to educate citizens on what to do and what not to do if a tornado affects them.

Mr. DeLane shared that he will soon meet with the school district superintendent to discuss the possibility of the school aiding the community by setting up a single phone number that the public could call into for help/information.

Mr. Peek indicated that he personally lives in Rowlett right in the area of the tornado's impact. He saw a lot of assistance being provided in the neighborhoods, not just from the immediate area's personnel, but from cities and organizations farther away too (i.e. Frisco, Richardson). He expressed gratitude to everyone who pulled together and helped after the tornado.

Mr. DeLane shared that the countywide mitigation planning efforts are ongoing with the consultant that the county hired. A meeting for staff throughout the county will be held next Thursday, and a public meeting will be held the evening of February 4th.

He shared that Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training demand has drastically increased in light of the recent tornado.

The board took no action as a result of Mr. DeLane's report or this discussion item.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present:

Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)
David Sweet (Rck. County)

Board Members Absent:

Barry Brooks (Heath)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)
Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)

1. Call to order

This meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. with the above named board members being present and absent.

2. Discuss / act on monthly reports from Medic Rescue related to EMS contract compliance, including any road construction impact

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue updated the board on his monthly reports, indicating that November and December were slow months. He provided a briefing on response time reports and associated compliance as well as public/community related events in which the company participated. He shared that collections and receipts were slightly down and that summer and winter months are usually the busiest times of year, with things slowing down in between those timeframes.

The board took no formal action as a result of this discussion item.

- 148 3. Hear update from Medic Rescue, the current emergency ambulance service provider on
149 contract with the ES Corporation, regarding possible sale of or partnership(s) associated with
150 the company, and take any action necessary
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152 **Mr. Ownby indicated that his company is in good standing with the pending sales and staffing**
153 **agreement with AMR. At this point, they are just waiting on the process.**
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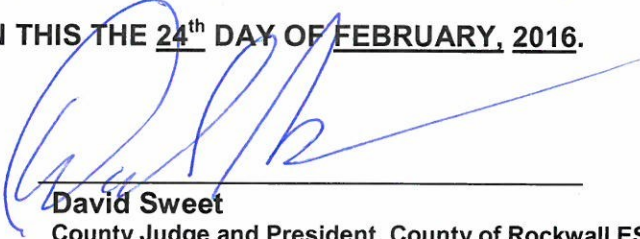
- 155 4. Discuss / act on an update concerning review of the countywide ambulance services contract
156 and associated negotiations and/or modifications to said contract, and take any action
157 necessary
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159 **Sweet indicated that the ES Corporation had a productive special board meeting on January**
160 **20th, and that he subsequently met with Mr. Ownby. A document has been provided in hard**
161 **copy form to the board members from Mr. Ownby. No action or discussion took place**
162 **regarding said document. Sweet indicated that he will try and set an additional, special board**
163 **meeting of the Corporation soon.**
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- 165 5. Adjournment
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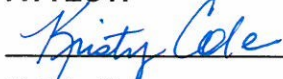
167 **The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.**
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170 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**
171 **EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.**
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175 **David Sweet**

176 **County Judge and President, County of Rockwall ESC**
177 **Board of Directors**

178 **ATTEST:**

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181 **Kristy Cole**

182 **Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors -**
183 **County of Rockwall ESC**

