

MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-882-2840

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 25, 2009 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Don Becknell
Bill Broderick
Bill Cecil
Lorie Grinnan
Steve Hatfield
Bob Hille
David Magness
Cindy Rushing

Board Members Absent:

Wanda Cooper
Cliff Sevier

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order

Bill Cecil called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the October 22, 2008 regular ESC board meeting and take any action necessary.

Cecil made a motion to approve the October 22, 2008 minutes. Lorie Grinnan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 2 absent (Cooper, Sevier).

3. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2009 ESC board meeting and take any action necessary.

David Magness made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2009 meeting. Grinnan seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 2 absent (Cooper, Sevier).

47 Bill Sinclair pointed out three necessary changes to these minutes. Grinnan made a
48 motion to approve the minutes as amended. Cecil seconded the motion. The motion
49 passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 2 absent (Cooper, Sevier).
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51 4. Hear update on law enforcement firing range facility and take any action necessary.
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53 Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller explained that attorney Brian Williams with the
54 Rockwall County District Attorneys office is going to draw up a contract for agencies
55 wanting to lease the gun range. He indicated that a possible fee of about \$220 has
56 been discussed to be charged to those agencies wanting to lease the range for
57 training. It is hopeful that a policy contract and suggested fee will come forth at the
58 next ES Corporation Board Meeting in March. Moeller indicated that they hope to
59 start leasing out the range to interested entities in June of this year. He reiterated
60 that it will only be leased out to other law enforcement agencies and that no private
61 parties will be able to lease the facility. Regarding the drainage and roof repairs at
62 the range, Moeller indicated that these construction repairs have not yet begun and
63 that the issue is still ongoing.
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65 No board action was taken on this item.
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67 5. Hear update on Emergency Management Program activities, including the Cities
68 Readiness Initiative, and take any action necessary.
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70 Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator Joe DeLane indicated that a
71 new Emergency Management Specialist, Joe Ellis from the City of Carrollton, has
72 recently been hired and that he will begin work on March 2nd.
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74 DeLane indicated that the grants management system throughout the state is
75 changing. He further stated that the Crisis Readiness Initiative (CRI) exercise is
76 coming up at the end of March and that the Public Officials workshop is being held
77 tomorrow, February 26 at the new County Library. He also stated that the National
78 Weather Service Storm Spotter Training would be held on March 12 at the new library
79 as well.
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81 Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch asked Mr. DeLane if he knows of any federal
82 stimulus money that will be available related to Emergency Management. Mr. DeLane
83 indicated that there is no money of which he is aware. Rowlett Assistant Police Chief
84 Matt Walling indicated that he believes there may be some federal stimulus money
85 available for sheltering and indicated that some information may be available at
86 www.recovery.gov on the internet.
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88 Bill Broderick of Royse City asked if there is or has been any countywide efforts
89 related to purchase and installation of outdoor emergency warning sirens. It was
90 indicated that this has not been a project of the board in the past and that the City of
91 Rockwall already has outdoor warning sirens. Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch
92 indicated that the City of Rockwall charges a siren fee on new home construction in
93 order to raise funds to pay for installation of new outdoor warning sirens in its city.
94 DeLane reminded board members that sirens are only to warn those who are
95 outdoors and are not intended to be heard indoors. He stressed that residents and

96 businesses should purchase NOAA weather radios for indoor warning notification.
97 Some brief discussion took place related to the Reverse 911 system and how its
98 ability to warn residents of a tornado is virtually impossible due to the restricted
99 number of calls that can be placed in a very short period of time. DeLane indicated
100 that the Reverse 911 system has had some glitches lately and that those glitches are
101 currently being worked out.

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103 The board took no action on this item.

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105 6. Hear update related to possible joint dispatch facility and take any action necessary.

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107 Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch indicated that the technical subcommittee will
108 meet next week to discuss the details of a joint dispatch center. She hopes to have a
109 more formal update to the board at the next ESC board meeting.

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111 Brief discussion then took place related to a recent incident in Heath where the
112 dispatch system did not work very efficiently and a citizen was let down when his
113 wife had a stroke. After some discussion, Couch explained that the new "enhanced
114 911" system will address the problems associated with citizens using cell phones to
115 call 911 for help. Steve Hatfield expressed that he is still concerned that first
116 responders are not always notified of EMS related calls when they come in. He wants
117 first responders paged out at the same time that the ambulance company is paged
118 out.

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120 After some additional discussion, no action was taken on this item.

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122 7. Hear treasurer's report and update and take any action necessary.

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124 Bill Sinclair gave a brief update on each entity's billings and credits. He also
125 provided an update on the ESC bank accounts. After brief discussion, Cindy
126 Rushing made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Hatfield seconded the
127 motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes to 2 absent (Cooper, Sevier).

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129 8. Adjournment

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131 The General Board Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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133 **SPECIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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135 1. Call to order

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137 Cecil called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

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139 2. Hear update from Medic Rescue regarding contract compliance, audit and reports
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142 Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue gave a general update on community related events
143 and response times. He indicated that the response zones have been modified
144 slightly in order to address some traffic concerns.

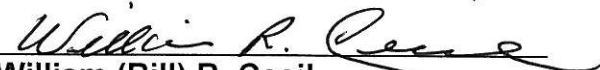
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146 Steve Athey, ESC board consultant with Health Care Visions, was present and
147 offered to investigate any EMS calls that are concerning to the board or to any entity.
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149 No action was taken by the board related to this item.
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151 3. Adjournment
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153 The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.
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155 ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of March, 2009.
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159 William (Bill) R. Cecil
160 President, Board of Directors
161 County of Rockwall ESC

162 ATTEST:

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164 Clifford Sevier
165 Secretary, Board of Directors
166 County of Rockwall ESC
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