

## MINUTES

## COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-204-6000

**Regular Board Meeting** 

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 5:00 p.m.

## **GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

Board Members Present:

David Billings (Fate)

Lorne Megyesi (Fate)

Janet Nichol (Royse City)

Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)

Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)

Robert Steinhagen (McLendon-Chisholm)

David Sweet (Rck. County)

Board Members Absent:
Brian Berry (Heath)
Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)

1. Call to order

ESC President David Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the above named board members being present and absent.

- 2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the Oct. 25, 2017 regular ESC board meeting Board Member Nichols moved to approve the minutes from the Oct. 25 meeting, calling for one correction (to mark Board Member Billings "absent" instead of "present"). Board Member Megyesi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes and 4 absent).
- 3. Discuss / act on ES Corp. Treasurer's Report
  Treasurer of the ESC, David Peek, briefed the board on his monthly reports. Board Member
  Billings moved to accept the report(s) as presented. Board Member Nichol seconded the
  motion, which passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes and 4 absent).
- 4. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program Report

  Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator, provided brief remarks pertaining to his monthly report. The board took no action as a result of this agenda item.
  - 5. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

## **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

Board Members Present:
David Billings (Fate)
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)
Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)
Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)
Robert Steinhagen (McLendon-Chisholm)
David Sweet (Rck. County)

Board Members Absent:
Brian Berry (Heath)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)

1. Call to order

President of the ESC, David Sweet, called this meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. with the above listed board members being present and absent. He addressed agenda item #3 next.

2. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's monthly EMS contract compliance reports, including any assessments under "Section 9. Liquidated Damages" of said contract

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS came forth and briefed the board on monthly ambulance service reports and associated contract compliance. He began by explaining how to read the various reports, and he made the board aware that daily reports are submitted to Joe DeLane, the ESC's Contract Administrator. (Debbie Bobbitt, councilmember from City of Rowlett / ESC board member, arrived to the meeting at this point; however, she sat in the audience). Board members expressed a desire for Mitch to make the various response zones correlate to NE, SE, etc. on the map and for a column to be added that says "std is 90%." Sweet and Billings expressed that they do not feel the "EMD chart" is needed, and Mitch commented that he tried to create reports that matched the contract requirements exactly. Board members indicated that they would like to receive much more data regarding late EMS calls (as much detail as possible) on the reports submitted next month (for December). Board Member Pruitt, Mayor of Rockwall, requested more detail on the October "late calls" report pertaining to the NW response zone. Brief dialogue took place pertaining to mutual aid given and received and why the topic of "mutual aid" matters. Regarding the "unit hours" section of the reports, it was indicated that this data does not have much meaning in a system our size - it is more important in a larger system, as it mostly shows unstaffed day cars in larger systems. Mitch explained that 'dead leg back from Dallas' shows up in this section or 'out of service' minutes. The board asked for some additional, miscellaneous changes to other sections of the reports for the next month's report submission.

Sweet then asked Joe DeLane to brief the board on a letter he has written pertaining to "penalties" associated with the service contract, generally indicating that there were some contract "non-compliance" issues in the month of October. Board Member Billings expressed a desire to wait and look at the next several months of reports before worrying about infractions in the month of October (which was the first month that the new contract went into effect). Following brief, additional comments Grant Brenna, legal counsel to the ESC board, indicated that the board does have the ability to potentially waive assessment of minor damages by board action. Board Member Pruitt pointed out that the contract says that minor breaches shall be assessed and major ones require board action.

Board Member Billings then moved to waive the liquidated damages for minor breaches associated with the month of October. Board Member Nichols seconded the motion, which

failed by a vote of 3 ayes (Nichols, Billings and Steinhagen) and 4 nays (Sevier, Sweet, Pruitt and Megyesi).

3. Discuss / act on hiring of a medical director by/for the ES Corporation

Sweet reminded board members that the "request for proposals" (RFP) that was issued by the board a few months ago resulted in receipt of no proposals. Subsequently, City Manager of Rockwall, Rick Crowley, generated various leads regarding possible organizations that are in the business of providing "medical director oversight" to EMS / ambulance systems; however, so far attempts at calling and/or emailing those leads has been met with no response. He generally indicated that he will work with Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator and "Contract Administrator" over the ESC's EMS contract, to seek out other potential resources. No action was taken at this time.

4. Discuss / act on formation of a Medical Physicians Advisory Board (MPAB) for the ES Corporation

Sweet reported that he has met with both Presbyterian Hospital and with Lake Pointe Hospital, and, although he has received from Presby the names of individuals who may potentially be willing / qualified to serve, he is still awaiting names from Lake Pointe. He will try to get them to provide names to him before the January board meeting. No action was taken concerning this agenda item.

AdjournmentSweet adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 24th DAY OF JANUARY, 2017.

David Sweet

County Judge and President, County of Rockwall ESC

Board of Directors

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