MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 19, 2020 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT	ABSENT
David Billings (Fate) (listened by phone)	Joe Burger (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)	Cliff Sevier (Rck. Co.)
Frank New (Heath)	
Janet Nichol (Royse City)	
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)	
Jim Pruitt (Rck) (arrived at 5:03 p.m.)	
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)	
David Sweet (Rck. Co.) (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)	
Jim Bloom (McLendon-Chisholm) – arrived during item #5 below	

1. Call public meeting to order

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

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

No one came forth to address the board during this portion of the meeting.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the January 15, 2020 ES Corp. Board Meeting

Board Member Nichol moved to approve the minutes. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (8 ayes with Burger, Sevier, and Bloom being absent).

4. Discuss / act on monthly Treasurer's Reports

Sweet gave brief comments, indicating that David Peek (Treasurer of the ESC) was absent this evening. Board Member Billings then moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (8 ayes with Burger, Sevier, and Bloom being absent).

5. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Mgmt. Program report

Barbara Neville, County Emergency Management Coordinator, reviewed her departmental monthly report with the board. The board applauded a recent, joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation. Neville noted that recent efforts related to GIS (Geographical Information Systems (aka 'maping')) have kicked off. Board Member New recognized Neville and Rosson (Deputy EMC for the County) for getting Rockwall Independent School District (RISD) badges for Sheriff's personnel. Sweet applauded them for their efforts as well. The board took no action concerning this discussion item.

6. Discuss / act on interlocal agreement regarding confidentiality associated with the countywide (Emergency Management) Cyber Security Working Group

No action took place concerning this agenda item.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Ambulance Services (EMS) Board Meeting

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's monthly EMS/ambulance contract compliance reports

Martin Ramirez, Supervisor at Medic Rescue, was present and briefed the board on EMS monthly reports for January, indicating that Mitch Ownby is out for an extended period of time on FMLA. Sweet asked Rosson to briefly affirm his review of the EMS-related 'live feeds' he has access to for monitoring various EMS contract-related compliance issues. Rosson did so. Board Member Nichol then moved to accept the monthly EMS compliance reports for the month of January. President Sweet seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger and Sevier absent).

3. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's request for a three percent (3%) increase to the maximum average bill (MAB) chargeable to the public, as prescribed by the ambulance services contract

Ownby joined the meeting by phone to answer any questions pertaining to this agenda item. He reviewed this request to clarify the contract language regarding when such a request is to be submitted to the board for consideration. Board Member Johannesen expressed a desire to clean up the contract language to clear up the submission date. Pruitt agreed. Discussion took place regarding Medic Rescue presenting an increase to the MAB prior to October 1st (annually) to go into effect for January 1 of the upcoming year (with the board considering the request at its annual October board meeting). Ownby acknowledged that the current request for a 3% MAB adjustment would be handled as an exception at this point.

Pruitt made a motion to place an item on the next board meeting that would allow the contract language to be amended to reflect that any annual MAB adjustment request should be submitted by October 1st and would potentially become effective (if approved by the board) on January 1st. Billings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger and Sevier absent).

Discussion ensued pertaining to potentially making a one time exception to consider this current request for a 3% increase to the MAB. Billings indicated that he would want a document signed indicating that this is a one-time exception. Pruitt confirmed that Medic Rescue has not previously been granted an adjustment. Sweet wants a future agenda item to discuss exclusivity and clean-up efforts related to the ambulance services contract (he would like to form a subcommittee to work on this). Pruitt indicated that he is not in favor of considering instituting exclusivity again unless all entities are willing to consider it as well.

Board Member Johannesen moved to approve the 3% MAB adjustment as an exception to the contract language. Board Member Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger and Sevier absent).

Sweet then clarified that he would like an agenda item for next time to discuss contract language clean-up efforts (not exclusivity).

4. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 18th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

David Sweet
County Judge and President, County of Rockwall ESC
Board of Directors

ATTEST:

Kristy Cole

Kristy Cole - Assistant Secretary,
Board of Directors - County of Rockwall ESC