



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

Special Board Meeting

("Virtual" meeting only)

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

David Billings (Fate) (listened by phone)
Jim Bloom (McLendon-Chisholm)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Jim Pruitt (Rck)
Cliff Sevier (Rck. Co.)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rck. Co.)

ABSENT

Joe Burger (Fate)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING (5:00 p.m.)

1. Call public meeting to order

President Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the above named board members being present and absent. Note: This was a meeting that was held entirely virtually over the internet via "ZOOM." (No 'in-person' meeting took place).

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

No one expressed a desire to speak at this time. Therefore, Sweet closed "open forum."

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the Feb. 19, 2020 regular ES Corp. board meeting

Board Member New moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Sevier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger absent).

4. Discuss / act on ESC Treasurer's Reports

Treasurer David Peek briefed the board on his monthly reports. Sweet moved to approve the February Treasurer's report. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

Sweet moved to approve the March Treasurer's report. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

5. Discuss / act on Emergency Mgmt. Program report

Emergency Management Coordinator Barbara Neville briefed the board on recent efforts that her office has been tackling, especially related to the COVID-19 pandemic response. Sweet moved to accept the Emergency Management Program Report. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 10 ayes with 1 absent (Burger).

6. Discuss / act on update related to COVID-19

President Sweet updated the board on recent countywide events pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic. Indication was given that two deaths have now been reported within Rockwall County (in the City of Rockwall), and both are from the Broadmoor Medical Lodge (nursing facility). He went on to thank staff members and elected officials, countywide, for all of their efforts related to COVID-19.

Board Member New of Heath then provided an update pertaining to COVID-19-related antibody testing that began occurring today in the City of Heath. He estimated that about 600 people may have been tested today, and nine individuals tested positive. Those patients who tested positive were then sent for additional testing (nasal testing). The cost for this testing is \$50.

Board Member Pruitt spoke, expressing concerns over Governor Abbott's recent Order that was issued on April 27, especially because he observes that nothing about the Order is enforceable. Furthermore, he observes that a lot of the language is vague and undefined.

7. Discuss / act on possible creation of a County(wide) Health Dept. / Authority

President Sweet began discussion of this agenda item, generally indicating that he would like to have discussions related to the possibility of creating a countywide Health Department or Authority. Board Member Pruitt pointed out that each city should think about the needs that they have and decide what type of activities they would want this staff person(s) / department to work on and address if it in fact ends up being established. Board Members New of Heath and Billings of Fate generally expressed support at the idea of jointly creating a countywide health authority.

8. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

Sweet asked if anyone would like to speak. There being no one indicating such, he then closed Open Forum.

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

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue briefed the board on monthly EMS reports for February and March. Ownby then provided comments pertaining to COVID-19 and how his ambulance company has been handling its operations in light of the pandemic.

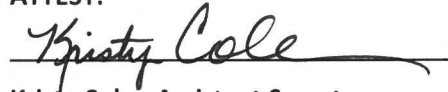
Sweet moved to accept the February and March EMS contracts. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger absent).

4. Adjournment

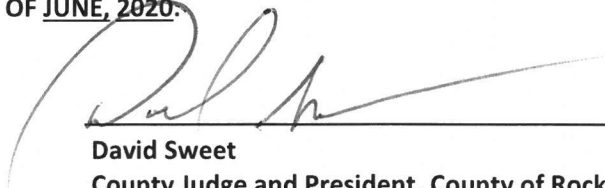
Sweet adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 17th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

ATTEST:



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



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

