



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

Rockwall Historic Courthouse 101 East Rusk Rockwall, Texas 75087 972-204-6000

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

Lorna Kipphut (McLendon-Chisholm)
Joe Burger (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Jim Pruitt (Rck)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rck. Co.)

ABSENT

David Billings (Fate) (but joined by ZOOM)
Cliff Sevier (Rck. Co.)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER

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

2. OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sweet asked if anyone would like to come forth and speak at this time. There being no one indicating such, he then closed Open Forum.

3. DISCUSS / ACT ON APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE JULY 15, 2020 REGULAR ESC BOARD MEETING

Board Member New moved to approve the minutes for July. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. DISCUSS / ACT ON MONTHLY TREASURER'S REPORTS

David Peek, Treasurer of the ESC, indicated that his report was included in the packet and asked if there were any questions. There being no questions, Board Member Johannesen moved to approve the report as presented. Board Member Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

5. DISCUSS / ACT ON MONTHLY EMERGENCY MGMT. PROGRAM REPORT

Barbara Neville, Emergency Management Coordinator, provided an update to the ESC on her department's monthly activities. She shared that COVID-19 pandemic related activities are still consuming most of her and Jarod's days. Recent COVID testing thru the state was successful. Also, the interoperable radio communications project continues to go smoothly. Jarod Rosson provided a brief update in that regard. Board Member Pruitt of Rockwall pointed out that recent guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control (the "CDC") says a person does not need to be tested if he or she has no symptoms. Indication was given that the Emergency Response Plan associated with Wallace Lake has been submitted to the State for review and approval. Once approved, the County will be eligible to apply for mitigation related grants associated with that lake. Neville mentioned that several cities in the metroplex have been assisting with coordinating the sheltering of hurricane evacuees in local hotels. She shared that Rockwall hotels are almost full at this point.

6. DISCUSS / ACT ON UPDATE RELATED TO COVID-19

Board Member Billings of Fate briefed the board on a recent Texas Tech study that would focus on COVID-19, associated testing, and Rockwall County. Following brief discussion, Board Member Pruitt of Rockwall made a motion to indicate that City of Rockwall would front the money to purchase "personal protective equipment" associated with this (grant related) study and then bill each participating entity its pro rata share / portion accordingly. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

7. DISCUSS / ACT ON POSSIBLE FORMATION OF OR PARTNERSHIP RELATED TO A COUNTYWIDE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Sweet indicated that Rockwall County is planning to set aside nearly \$200,000 in the upcoming fiscal year budget related to the possibility of forming a Health Department or a Health District of some sort (maybe with Kaufman County, but not sure at this point).

8. DISCUSS / ACT ON THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY ES CORPORATION BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021:

- A) ADMINISTRATIVE / OPERATING BUDGET**
- B) LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FACILITY OPERATING BUDGET**
- C) EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**
- D) AMBULANCE SERVICES PROGRAM BUDGET**

Indication was given that these budgets are under review by each member entity. The ESC Board will take action to formally adopt each of these budgets at the regular board meeting next month in September.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. CALL PUBLIC MEETING TO ORDER

Sweet called this meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. DISCUSS / ACT ON MEDIC RESCUE'S MONTHLY EMS/AMBULANCE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue briefed the board on July monthly reports pertaining to ambulance services and the associated contract. Sweet then moved to approve the reports, as presented, for July. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Sweet introduced McLendon-Chisholm Council Member, Lorna Kippthut, indicating that she is replacing Jim Bloom on the ESC Board at this time.

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 16th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.



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

ATTEST:



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

