



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION
Rockwall Historic Courthouse 101 East Rusk Rockwall, Texas 75087 972-204-6000

Regular Board Meeting **Wednesday, September 16, 2020 - 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

Lorna Kipphut (McLendon-Chisholm)
David Billings (Fate)
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)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

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

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

Sweet opened up Open Forum, asking 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 minutes for the Aug. 26, 2020 regular ESC board meeting

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

4. Discuss / act on monthly Treasurer's Report

David Peek, Treasurer of the ESC, came forth and briefed the Board on his monthly report. Sweet then moved to accept the report, as presented. Board Member Billings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger – absent).

5. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management Program report

Barbara Neville, County of Rockwall Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the board on her department's monthly reports. In part, she indicated that her department has taken on a new intern, Clay Taylor, and Mr. Taylor and Jarod Rosson are currently assisting with (hurricane evacuee) sheltering operations in Dallas County today. Brief comments took place pertaining to possible grant funding an associated application. The ESC Board took no action pertaining to this agenda item.

6. Discuss / act on resolution adopting the following ESC 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 have all been distributed to the various member entities of the ES Corporation. No governing body has indicated any issues or concerns with said budgets. Board Member Billings then moved to approve the resolution, adopting each of the above named FY2021 budgets of the ESC. Board Member Pruitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Burger – absent).

7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m.

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

Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS briefed the board on his monthly reports. In part, he indicated that a new ambulance is now in service. It replaced one that had 250k miles on it. Following brief comments, Sweet moved to accept the report(s) as presented. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

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 indicated that he has submitted this request, as is permissible under the current ambulance services contract that is in place between Medic Rescue and the ESC. Pruitt asked for clarification regarding how much the average billable cost currently is; however, Ownby indicated that he is unsure off hand. Pruitt expressed some concerns about costs being charged to hospital patients associated with hospital-to-hospital transfers. Pruitt would like to know how much Medic

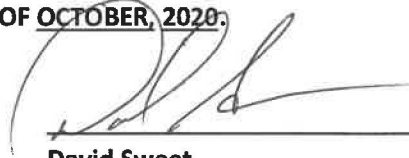
Rescue is charging to the general public for these transfers because he has heard concerns from some citizens who have been charged \$4,000 - \$5,000 for said transfers.

Following additional, brief discussion, Billings moved to approve the three percent increase to the MAB, as requested. Kipphut seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 21st DAY OF OCTOBER, 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**

