



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 - 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

1. Call public meeting to order

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 in the audience would like to come forth and speak during Open Forum. Chief Terry Garrett of Heath came forth and gave positive comments regarding assistance provided by the County Emergency Management staff, Barbara Neville and Jarod Rosson, during this week's severe weather/tornado event(s).

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the Sept. 25, 2019 regular ES Corp. board meeting

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

4. Discuss / act on approval of the following contracts/agreements between the ES Corp. and Rockwall County for FY 2020:

a) Emergency Mgmt. Administrative & Consulting Operating Costs

Board Member New Moved to approve this agreement. Board Member Billings seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 10 in favor with one absent (Burger).

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35 **b) Emergency Mgmt. Services**
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37 David Sweet indicated that the section regarding staffing needs to be updated. Also, Section 4.A 1
38 and 2 need updating, per Board Member Billings. Discussion took place pertaining to the
39 possibility of also updated language associated with the role of a hiring committee for hiring
40 staff. Board Member Billings indicated that he would prefer to review a contract like this once
41 every two years instead of once a year. Indication was given that the County Auditor may need
42 an agreement like this annually (instead of once every two years).
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44 Board Member Billings moved to modify some of the contract language in Section 4.A.1. to call
45 for "equivalent experience" instead of solely just an educational requirement. Board Member
46 Phillips seconded the motion. Kenda Culpepper, legal counsel for the ES Corp., suggested using
47 the same wording as found in 4.A.2. Following brief comments, the motion passed by a vote of 10
48 ayes with 1 absent (Burger).
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50 Regarding Section 4.C. ('selection process'), Billings suggested that this should apply to both of
51 the county emergency management staff positions. Sweet indicated that he is on board with
52 having the ES Corp. board play a role in hiring the Emergency Management Coordinator
53 (EMC) position; however, he does not believe we should follow the same hiring process for hiring
54 / filling the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator position. Board Member Pruitt
55 pointed out that he wants to be sure a hiring decision for the Emergency Management
56 Coordinator staff position is made by Commissioner's Court (since the position reports
57 (currently) to the Sheriff, a county employee).
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59 Board Member Billings made a motion to tweak the contract language such that the ES Corp.
60 will appoint a hiring committee to conduct interviews and make a final recommendation for
61 hiring to Rockwall County (the 'contractor'). Board Member Pruitt seconded the motion, which
62 passed by a vote of 10 ayes with 1 absent (Burger).
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64 Indication was given that the County Commissioner's Court will rework the document and it
65 will be brought back to the ES Corp. at its next board meeting for consideration at that time.
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67 **5. Discuss / act on monthly Treasurer's Report**
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69 David Peek, Treasurer for the ES Corp., came forth and presented his monthly report. Board Member Pruitt
70 moved to accept the report, as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed by
71 unanimously of those present (Burger absent).
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73 **6. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management Program Report**
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75 Barbara Neville, County Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the board on her department's
76 monthly reports. In addition, she indicated that she is creating new notification lists via "NIXLE," and these
77 were circulated for the board's review. She and her staff have also been working with HAM radio operator
78 volunteers to refine the storm spotter group within Rockwall County.

79 Discussion ensued pertaining to Sunday night's storm event, which included a tornado that impacted the
80 City of Rockwall. Jarod had gone to the City of Rockwall's EOC to assist the chiefs. Mayor / Board Member
81 Pruitt of Rockwall thanked everyone for their support during the event. He indicated that a lot had been

82 learned from Rowlett's tornado a few years ago, from the Dalton Ranch weather event a couple of years ago
83 and from the large scale hail storm that occurred a while back. He shared that the City of Rockwall has a
84 pretty large staff, so he would rather the County emergency management staff focus on smaller areas rather
85 than use the County's EOC (emergency operations center). Joey Boyd, Rockwall Assistant City Manager,
86 briefed the board on damage that occurred within the City of Rockwall, including staff's response to the
87 severe weather threat; the tornado that ultimately damaged 50+ structures in the city (entirely destroying
88 two homes); the City of Rockwall's progress assessing the damaged structures; and the associated clean-up
89 efforts, which have been ongoing (but, which mostly was accomplished fairly early on, with solely City of
90 Rockwall resources). He shared that City of Rockwall staff completed and submitted a disaster assessment
91 to the State Division of Emergency Management earlier this week.

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93 Board Member / Mayor Pruitt of Rockwall asked the County emergency management staff to add
94 'contractor warnings' to social media and other 'media' / public type posts following severe weather storm
95 events that adversely impact citizen's homes and businesses.

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97 ESC President / County Judge Sweet complimented City of Rockwall staff and County Emergency
98 Management staff members for their efforts during and after the severe weather event. Assistant Fire Chief
99 of Rockwall, Brett Merritt, also thanked the local "Ace Hardware" for coming in during the wee hours of the
100 night and opening up the store so that staff members could purchase needed tarps and other, related
101 supplies to help residents tarp up their homes prior to the second round of storms blowing through. Sweet
102 pointed out that the countywide radio system sounded clear and worked well throughout the storm as well.

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104 No action was taken as a result of this agenda discussion item.

105 106 7. Adjournment

107 The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

108 109 AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

110 111 1. Call public meeting to order

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113 Sweet called this meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

114 115 2. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's monthly EMS/ambulance contract compliance reports and mutual aid 116 agreement with North TX Regional EMS

117 Mitch Ownby with Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS briefed the board on his monthly ambulance
118 services reports. He shared that the mutual aid agreement he submitted within the board member's packet
119 needs to be approved by the ES Corp. board. He shared that it is essentially a standard mutual aid
120 agreement.

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122 Board Member Sweet moved to accept the monthly ambulance services report, as presented. Board
123 Member New seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 9 ayes with 1 absent (Burger was absent /
124 Sherrill does not participate in ambulance services meeting).

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126 Board Member Billings moved to approve the mutual aid agreement between Medic Rescue and North
127 Texas Regional EMS. Board Member Bloom seconded the motion. Mr. Ownby clarified that N. TX Regional
128 EMS does not 'balance bill.' Following brief comments, the motion to approve passed by a vote of 9 ayes
129 with 1 absent (Burger was absent / Sherrill does not participate in ambulance services meeting).

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132 **3. Discuss / act on one year contract extension request from Medic Rescue**

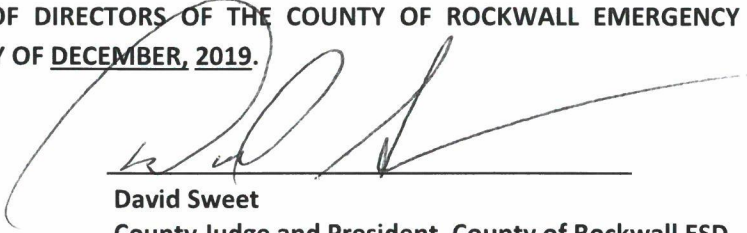
133 Board Members generally indicated that they would like Medic Rescue to submit to the ES Corp. the various
134 items that are needed in order for the Corporation to consider granting the requested extension (i.e. a
135 favorable rating from the Contract Administrator and Medical Physician's Advisory Board as well as
136 financials, etc.). Board Member Bloom moved to table this item until the next ES Corp. board meeting.
137 Board Member Sevier seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 9 ayes with 1 absent (Burger was
138 absent / Sherrill does not participate in ambulance services meeting).
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140 **4. Adjournment**

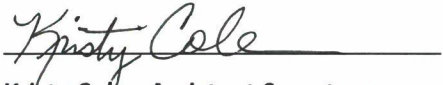
141 Sweet adjourned the board meeting at 6:11 p.m.
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143 Indication was given that, due to the holidays, as is usually the case – the ES Corp. and the countywide
144 traffic consortium will hold combined November / December board meetings. So, the ESC will meet again
145 on Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m.
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148 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY**
149 **SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 4th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019.**

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

ATTEST:


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

