



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2019 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

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

David Billings (Fate) (listened by phone)
Jim Bloom (McLendon-Chisholm)
Joe Burger (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

President of the ESC, David Sweet, called the meeting to order at 5:00 with the above listed board members being present and absent. He then introduced the newly hired County of Rockwall Emergency Management Coordinator, Barbara Neville, who currently works for Garland but will begin her new job with Rockwall County on Aug. 19. Each board and staff member present then introduced him/herself.

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. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING BOARD MEETINGS: JUNE 26, 2019 REGULAR ESC MTG. AND JULY 10, 2019 SPECIAL ESC MTG.

One correction was pointed out for the July 10 minutes. Board Member Sevier then moved to approve the June 26 minutes as presented and the July 10 minutes as amended. Board Member Nichol seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences.

4. DISCUSS / ACT ON ES CORP. TREASURER'S REPORT

David Peek, Treasurer for the ESC, came forth and briefed the board on his monthly report, providing updates on account balances, revenues and expenditures. Board Member New moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Board Member Phillips seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences.

29 **5. HEAR UPDATE REGARDING THE PRELIMINARY ES CORPORATION BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

30 **Mary Smith, Rockwall Assistant City Manager/Finance Director, indicated that the budget proposals**
31 **that previously went before the ESC board have all been forwarded to each member entity of the**
32 **Corporation. So far, no questions or known objections have been posed. The budgets will come back**
33 **before the ESC board for formal adoption at the Sept. board meeting.**

34 **6. DISCUSS / ACT ON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM RELATED TOPICS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:**

35 **A) MONTHLY EMERGENCY MGMT. PROGRAM REPORT**

36 **Jarod Rosson, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the board on the monthly report,**
37 **generally indicating that management of grants has been taking up a good deal of his time this past**
38 **month, including spending around \$6,000 to purchase “gun shot wounds in a box.” These devices will**
39 **be utilized to help train CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteers. The \$6k was the**
40 **remainder of the funds that were left to be spent, so that grant is now closed. Also, the State Homeland**
41 **Security Program (SHSP) Grant will end next month. Mr. Rosson mentioned that he recently attended**
42 **a “special events incident management” course and participated in a RACES (radio amateur civil**
43 **emergency services) functional exercise. Both went very well. In addition, the County Office of**
44 **Emergency Management’s presence on social media has been improving with there now being about**
45 **6,200 followers, up by about 1,000 in the last month. He mentioned that cities are encouraged to**
46 **contact him to request NIXLE messages for anything from road closures to special event notifications.**
47 **He shared that the City of Heath recently used NIXLE to inform residents of 4th of July road closures**
48 **associated with the city’s parade.**

50 **B) HIRING OF EMERGENCY MGMT. COORDINATOR**

51 **Indication was given that Barbara Neville has been hired and will begin work on Mon., Aug. 19.**

52 **C) EMERGENCY MGMT. PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ESC AND ROCKWALL COUNTY**

53 **Sweet generally mentioned that the board will want to be looking over this agreement in the coming**
54 **weeks, as it is one that gets annually approved in Sept. with the adoption of the joint Emergency**
55 **Management budget.**

57 **D) REVIEW OF MAY 29, 2019 TORNADOES**

58 **Mr. Rosson indicated that an EF-0 tornado briefly touched down within the City of Rockwall at the**
59 **Tuttle Athletic Complex / baseball fields. This was not predicted by the National Weather Service and**
60 **no warning was issued. Rather, this tornado was one that was observed in person by staff members**
61 **of both the city and the county. The Emergency Management Office immediately sent out a NIXLE**
62 **alert to warn the public. Thankfully, the only damage was to some of the bleachers and fencing. Since**
63 **that time, the Emergency Mgmt. Office has updated contact information for all cities.**

65 **E) RECENT STATE LEGISLATION RE: EMERGENCY MGMT.**

66 **Mr. Rosson briefed the Board on several pieces of state legislation that recently passed pertaining to**
67 **Emergency Management. Some of the general topics included things like handguns in disasters,**
68 **credentialing for emergency management professionals, debris management, school safety, legal**
69 **advice from the TX Attorney General’s Office following a disaster; and increasing shelter capabilities**
70 **thru increasing state provided volunteers. One of the main pieces of legislation calls for the TX Division**
71 **of Emergency Management (TDEM) to move out from underneath the TX Highway Patrol to the TX A&M**
72 **AG extension offices. He shared that the State Operations Center will remain in Austin, and the State**
73 **plans to add many new staff members, with ‘regional directors’ still being in the DFW metroplex area**

(but their oversight being out of TX A&M). Sweet mentioned that the County has a very strong 'AG extension office' in Rockwall; however, counties have traditionally not been required to have one.

F) G-200 TEXAS PUBLIC OFFICIALS WORKSHOP

Sweet and Rosson indicated that this course is one that is required of every elected official and that taking this three-hour course satisfies the State's requirements. Mrs. Aretha Adams, Heath City Manager, clarified that every elected official needs to take this course. Sweet and Rosson affirmed that as being the case. Sweet recommended that Mr. Rosson suggest two Wednesday dates in upcoming weeks or months, that Liberty Hall be utilized, and that the class begin at 5:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

The board took no formal action concerning these discussion items.

7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the regular board meeting at 5:42 p.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:42 p.m.

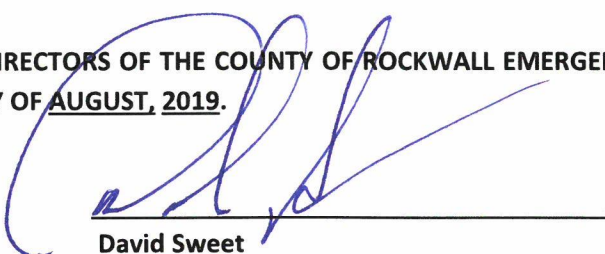
2. DISCUSS / ACT ON MEDIC RESCUE'S MONTHLY EMS/AMBULANCE CONTRACT COMPLIANCE REPORTS

Mr. Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on his monthly reports, including things like response time compliance, financials/billing, recent community events, and training. The board took no action concerning this agenda item.

3. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.



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