MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 5:00 PM

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Present	Absent
Trace Johannesen (Rck)	David Billings (Fate)
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)	Jim Bloom (McLendon-Chisholm)
Frank New (Heath)	Debbie Bobbitt (Rowlett)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)	Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Jim Pruitt (Rck)	
Cliff Sevier (Rck. Co.)	
David Sweet (Rck. Co.)	

1. Call public meeting to order

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

2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the December 5, 2018 ES Corp. Board meeting.

Board Member Megyesi moved to approve the minutes, and Board Member Nichol seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences (Billings, Bloom, Bobbitt, Lawson).

3. Discuss / act on ES Corp. Treasurer's Report

David Peek, ES Corp. Treasurer briefed the board on his monthly report. He indicated that all member entities are current on their monthly dues. Board Member Sevier moved to accept the report as presented. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences (Billings, Bloom, Bobbitt, Lawson).

4. Discuss / act on engagement letter with Rutherford, Taylor, & Co. to conduct an audit of the ES Corp. for fiscal year 2018.

Mr. Peek reviewed the terms of the engagement letter, indicating that the audit work will be performed and findings will be presented to the board at one of its regular, monthly meetings. President/Board Member Sweet moved to approve execution of the engagement letter as presented. Board Member Pruitt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences (Billings, Bloom, Bobbitt, Lawson).

5. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program Report

Indication was given that Melanie Jensen was not able to attend today's meeting; however, her report was included in the informational meeting packet. No discussion took place, and no action was taken concerning this agenda item.

6. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Coordinator and Assistant/Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator staff positions

Sweet indicated that Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator, is stepping down and will not be returning to work. Discussion ensued pertaining to the hiring process to fill his position. Sweet shared that the Rockwall County Commissioners Court will recognize Mr. DeLane for his contributions at its February 12 Commissioners Court Meeting.

At 5:08 p.m., Sweet read the below listed discussion item into the record before recessing the public meeting to hold Executive Session.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION.: THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORP. WILL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 551 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE:
   a. Discussion regarding Rockwall County employee No. 628, pursuant to Sec. §551.074 (Personnel Matters)
8. Call public meeting back to order, and take any action Re: Executive Session.

Sweet reconvened the public meeting at 5:47 p.m., and the following action was taken as a result of Executive Session:

Board Member Nichol moved to promote Melanie Jensen to the County Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) position and appoint the following committee to help make a recommendation regarding filling the Deputy EMC position:

- **Rockwall Co. Sheriff, Harold Eavenson**
- **Rockwall Co. EMC, Melanie Jensen**
- **Heath Public Safety Chief, Terry Garrett**
- **Rockwall Fire Chief, Kenneth Cullins**
- **Rockwall County Judge, David Sweet**
- **City Manager of Royse City, Carl Alsabrook (or his designee)**
- **Fate Public Safety Chief, Lyle Lombard**

Board Member Pruitt seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences (Billings, Bloom, Bobbitt, Lawson). Indication was given that interviews will be conducted, and a hiring recommendation will come before the ES Corp. Board for action in the future.

9. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

<u>AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING</u>

Present	**Absent**
Trace Johannesen (Rck)	David Billings (Fate)
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)	Jim Bloom (McLendon-Chisholm)
Frank New (Heath)	Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)	
Jim Pruitt (Rck)	
Cliff Sevier (Rck. Co.)	
David Sweet (Rck. Co.)	

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called this public meeting to order at 5:49 p.m. with the above listed board members being present and absent.

2. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's monthly EMS contract compliance reports, including any assessments under "Section 9. Liquidated Damages" of said contract and any update from the ESC's Contract Administrator.

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on the monthly reports for the months of November and December. No questions ensued. Board Member Sweet moved to accept the monthly reports as presented. Board Member Sevier seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 7 ayes with 4 absences (Billings, Bloom, Bobbitt, Lawson).

3. Discuss / act on resolution granting a one year contract extension to Medic Rescue pertaining to the 2017 ambulance services contract.

Sweet asked Mr. Ownby to update the board on some topics that were brought up at the last meeting. Ownby provided brief comments regarding response times, community involvement and a customer survey which recently began. Also, he is currently developing a report that will compare Medic Rescue against industry standards. Board Member Pruitt expressed concerns related to Medic Rescue's relationship with AMR (who is performing dispatch services on behalf of the ambulance contractor, Medic Rescue). He generally indicated the belief that granting an extension at this juncture is too soon, and he would like to wait at least a couple more months before revisiting the possibility. Board Member Megyesi of Fate indicated that AMR is still an "unknown." He too prefers to allow more time to pass before acting upon any potential contract extension with Medic Rescue. He is open to considering two, one-year extensions at the same time (but in the future, not right now). Sweet believes that feedback from the survey Medic Rescue is conducting could be largely helpful. Mr. Ownby agreed that the technology changes have been challenging; however, he is comfortable stating that call answering has been corrected with AMR and any future problems will be anomalies. Board Member Nichol asked what concerns, if any, there may be regarding not granting a contract extension at this time. Mr. Ownby shared that he has staff concerns about the term of the contract, and it may be more difficult to get loans with banks for the purchase of new ambulances. Pruitt expressed a desire to review this topic again in June. However, it was generally decided to revisit this topic at the April ES Corp. board meeting.

4. Discuss / act on agreement between the ES Corporation and Medic Rescue, Inc. pertaining to the loan and use of the Lucas device (patient chest compression system)

Grant Brenna, legal counsel for the ES Corp. presented a draft contract to the board. Everyone was asked to review it and send any feedback to Mr. Brenna so that a final agreement could be brought before the board for consideration of approval at its February meeting.

5. Discuss internet security risks as related to EMS

This item was not discussed.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 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

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