



MINUTES

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

Regular Board Meeting **Wednesday, March 17, 2021 - 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

James Branch (Royse City)
Allen Robbins (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rck) (arrived at 4:47 p.m.)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)
Christopher Ash (Fate)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)

ABSENT

Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:04 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 from the Feb. 24, 2021 regular ESC Board meeting.

Board Member New moved to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Board Member Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. Discuss / act on monthly ES Corp. Treasurer's Report

David Peek, ESC Treasurer, briefed the board on his monthly report(s)

5. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management program report, including update on COVID-19 vaccinations and related issues throughout the county

Sweet provided a briefing on the status of COVID-19 patient counts within the county (in local hospitals), indicating that the numbers are the lowest they've ever been since November. He then updated on the number of vaccinations that have been administered to date as well as additional vaccination clinics that are upcoming. Barbara Neville, County Emergency Management Coordinator, indicated that the process associated with hosting and carrying out COVID-19 vaccination clinics continues to be refined and streamlined. Very soon, all 1st dose vaccinations will go thru Wilkerson-Sanders Stadium. The "wait list," which had more than 40,000 people on it (from all over the U.S. AND from Mexico), has been discontinued, as it was too difficult to manage and was inefficient. In its place, a text-based scheduling system will be implemented. So far, twelve vaccination clinics have been held over the last three weeks. Staff is very close to being able to 'batch upload' registrants into the State of Texas tracking system, but this is an ongoing effort. Neville went on to provide a brief update on severe weather awareness efforts. She then introduced the county's new Health Authority, Dr. Dirk Perrit. Dr. Perrit briefly came forth and introduced himself, sharing that the 'protection rate' offered by the first and second doses of both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines is quite notable (with recipients realizing about a 90% protection as a result of 1st doses alone). Comparatively speaking, a 'good year' for annual flu vaccination protection is about 50%. So, according to the doctor, the COVID-19 vaccination is very, very effective.

No action was taken by the Board as a result of this discussion item.

6. Discuss / act on authorizing the ESC President to execute a contract with Well Health for COVID-19 vaccination scheduling services at a cost of \$1,000/month on a month-to-month basis and amend the FY21 Ambulance Services Budget to cover said costs

Pruitt moved to authorize Sweet to execute this contract, pending certain legal modifications being made to the document beforehand by the ESC's legal counsel, Craig Stoddart. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis absent).

7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

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

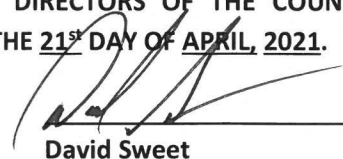
2. Discuss / act on monthly ambulance services reports and associated contract compliance.

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS (the contractor) came forth and briefed the board on routine, monthly reports. Sweet moved to accept the reports, as presented. Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis absent).

3. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 21st DAY OF APRIL, 2021.



David Sweet
County Judge and President, County of

ESC Board of Directors

ATTEST:
Rockwall



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



