



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

Rockwall Historic Courthouse 101 East Rusk Rockwall, Texas 75087 972-204-6000

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 2021 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

James Branch (Royse City)
Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)
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

Allen Robbins (Fate)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. with the above listed board members being present and absent.

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

Sweet explained how Open Forum is conducted, asking if anyone would like to come forth and speak. There being no one indicating such, he then closed Open Forum.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2021 regular ESC board meeting

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

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

ESC Treasurer, David Peek briefed the board on his monthly report. Board Member New moved to accept the report as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Robbins).

5. Discuss / act on Fiscal Year 2020 ESC audit report conducted by Robert Lake of Rutherford, Taylor, & Co., PC

Peek briefly spoke about this item, generally indicating that there were no significant findings and no concerns that arose as a result of this audit, so no corrective actions of any kind are needed. Board Member Sherrill moved to accept the audit report as presented. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Robbins).

6. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management program report, including update on COVID-19 vaccinations and related issues throughout the county. He thanked all of the various 'players,' including both staff members and volunteers, who have helped with vaccination efforts.

Board Member Pruitt arrived at this point in the meeting (5:11 p.m.).

Barbara Neville, County Emergency Management Coordinator, gave additional details related to recent and upcoming COVID-19 vaccination efforts. She explained that they have recently been experiencing about a 20% "no show" rate for those who have registered to receive vaccinations. However, even with the 'no show' rate, they have been consistently achieving zero waste of actual vaccine doses.

Board Member Christopher Ash arrived to the meeting at this point (5:16 p.m.).

Neville went on to indicate that Pear Pediatrics is taking on homebound people who need to receive the vaccine at home. Also, they are doing 'drive-up' vaccinations in the parking lot for those who have physical mobility challenges. Rockwall Fire Department and Fate DPS have also helped administer vaccines to homebound residents as well. In a recent countywide survey, about 7,000 responses were received, and about 70% of respondents indicated that they had received one or both doses of vaccine. Sweet indicated that about two weeks ago, the County had 7 people in the hospital related to COVID-19, which was the lowest hospitalizations since COVID began. Currently there are about 15-18 hospitalized individuals.

Mrs. Neville went on to share updates on severe weather monitoring efforts, radio project efforts, ham radio operator collaboration, etc. Brief comments took place related to outdoor warning sirens.

Sweet provided updated statistics on percentages of those who have received the COVID-19 vaccination, both 1st and 2nd doses within Rockwall County.

7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:29 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:29 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on update from local jurisdiction(s) related to 'exclusivity' associated with non-emergency ambulance service transfers

Rockwall Mayor Jim Pruitt provided a brief update to the board pertaining to a recent city council meeting at which ambulance service providers attended and made presentations to Council regarding non-emergency transfers within the City of Rockwall, including the transfer rates (costs) charged to patients. Pruitt introduced the incoming Mayor of Rockwall, Kevin Fowler, who was in attendance at this board meeting. Pruitt went on to indicate that after the aforementioned council meeting, he met with representatives of TX Health Resources (Presbyterian Hospital, Rockwall), who say they are utilizing other ambulance companies, in addition to Careflite. Board Member Johannesen shared that many Rockwall citizens have been complaining lately about costs associated with non-emergency ambulance transfers. This will be an issue that will continue to be evaluated over time. No action took place following this discussion.

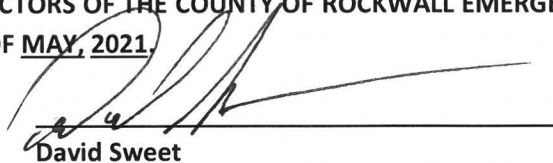
3. Discuss / act on monthly ambulance services reports and associated contract compliance

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS came forth and briefed the board on his monthly compliance reports for the month of March, including community service-related events, response time performance, etc. Sweet moved to accept the report. Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Robbins absent).

4. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF MAY, 2021.



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

