

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

## Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, March 16, 2022 - 5:00 PM

#### **PRESENT**

David Billings (Fate)
James Branch (Royse City)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Kevin Fowler (Rockwall)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)

#### **ABSENT**

Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm) Clay Ellis (Royse City) Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)

#### I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

## 1. Call public meeting to order

David 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

No one came forth to speak at this time.

#### 3. Discuss / act on approval of the Feb. 16, 2022 ESC Board meeting minutes

Board Member Branch moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 8 ayes, 1 abstention (New), and 3 absences (Davis, Ellis and Phillips).

#### 4. Discuss / act on monthly ESC Treasurer's Report

David Peek, ESC Treasurer, came forth and briefed the board on his monthly report. In addition, he indicated that the audit of the ES Corp. for last fiscal year recently began. It should take about 6-8 weeks to complete. Thereafter, the audit firm may come in person to present its findings, or Mr. Peek will do so on the firm's behalf – whichever the Board prefers. Board Member Johannesen moved to accept the treasurer's report. Vice President Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, Ellis and Phillips absent).

#### 5. Discuss / act on monthly countywide Emergency Management Program Report

County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jarod Rosson was on vacation. So the new Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, Matthew Hitt briefed the board on the monthly report. Board Member Branch of Royse City asked how long the COVID-19 infusion center will remain open. Judge Sweet indicated that the

timing is uncertain; however, it is being evaluated daily. Sweet then made a motion to accept the Emergency Management Report. Board Member Billings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, Ellis and Phillips absent).

### 6. Discussion regarding possible creation of a countywide 'health coordinator'

Judge Sweet spoke about this topic, indicating that meetings have been held jointly with representatives of Rockwall County, Kaufman County and Ellis County to discuss the possibility of formulating some sort of joint effort related to public health. All three county judges, health authorities (physicians), emergency management personnel, financial staff members and legal counsel have been in attendance at said, joint meetings. Included in the discussions have been funding possibilities, including possible grant aid. Sweet indicated that Rockwall County could not afford, financially fund a "health authority" on its own – it would likely only be possible through a jointly funded partnership of some sort. General discussion took place. Sweet indicated that he will continue meeting and having discussions with those other counties and will report back to the ES Corp. board again in the future. No action was taken concerning this agenda item.

#### 7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

## II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

### 1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

# 2. Discuss / act on monthly ambulance service reports, associated contract provisions and compliance

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS came forth and briefed the board on monthly ambulance service reports. In part, he indicated that two 'critical system failures' had occurred – one related to a vehicle that broke down due to an engine going out on the way to a call, and the other related to a vehicle that was involved in a traffic accident on the way to a call. In the first instance, the engine was quickly repaired, and the vehicle was back up and operating soon. In the last instance, no damage occurred to the vehicle as a result of the accident. Vice President Nichol moved to accept the monthly ambulance service report(s). Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, Ellis and Phillips absent).

#### 3. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

ATTEST:

**David Sweet** 

County Judge and President, County of Rockwall

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Kristy Teague - Assistant Secretary,

**Board of Directors - County of Rockwall ESC**