



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

David Billings (Fate)
James Branch (Royse City)
Heather Buegeler (Fate)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Kevin Fowler (Rockwall)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)
Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)

ABSENT

Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm)
Frank New (Heath)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)
Rowlett representative (vacant seat)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Vice President of the ESC, Janet Nichol called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. with the above listed board members being present and absent.

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

No one came forth to speak during this time.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2022 ESC Board meeting

Board Member Johannesen moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Board Member Branch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, New, Sweet and Rowlett rep. absent).

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

ESC Treasurer, David Peek briefed the board on monthly reports for April. Board Member Billings moved to accept the treasurer's report. Board Member Branch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

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

County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jarod Rosson and his staff indicated that the COVID 19 infusion center tent has been demobilized and taken down. Mr. Rosson briefed the board on a multi-jurisdictional effort that recently took place related to locating an alleged criminal who was on the loose. Also, efforts are underway by Emergency Management staff to update the countywide Emergency Response Plan, which is almost complete. Rosson explained that he will be working to establish a countywide training schedule to help test various aspects of that countywide Emergency Response Plan. Board Member Billings of Fate indicated a desire to do some city-specific training related to the plan, and he specifically has an interest in focusing on public relations and managing social media within the first hours of a disaster occurring.

Board Member Branch moved to accept the monthly Emergency Management Program report. Board Member Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, New, Sweet and Rowlett rep. absent).

6. Adjournment

Vice President Nichol adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:11 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Vice President Nichol called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on adoption of a FY 2022 Ambulance Services Budget in the amount of \$5,827.60 (current "ambulance funds" balance).

Mary Smith, City Manager of Rockwall provided brief comments to the board concerning this agenda item, indicating that the ESC did not adopt a FY2022 Ambulance Services Budget back in the Sept./Oct. timeframe because it was not necessary at that time. However, the board is now being asked to consider adopting a formal budget so that the available fund balance may be utilized for the consulting agreement referenced in the next agenda item. Board Member Billings moved to approve the FY2022 Ambulance Services Budget, as presented. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, New, and Sweet absent).

3. Discuss / act on authorizing the ESC President to execute a consulting agreement with Healthcare Visions, Inc. related to review and possible modifications to the existing ambulance services contract

Kristy Teague, Asst. ESC Board Secretary (and City Sect. of Rockwall) provided background information concerning this agenda item. She generally indicated that the ESC board and the current ambulance services contractor (Medic Rescue) have a desire to do an in-depth review of the existing contract (signed in 2017) to identify potential, needed modifications to said contract. This is a task that exceeds the expertise and knowledge of elected officials who serve on the board and entity staff members. Therefore, the board is being asked to consider hiring this consulting firm to assist with these efforts. Indication was given that the owner of this consulting firm, Steve Athey, has worked extensively in past years with both the ESC board and the contractor, Medic Rescue. So he is already familiar with the contract and with the ESC.

Following brief comments, Board Member Billings moved to approve execution of the consulting agreement with Healthcare Visions, Inc. Board Member Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Davis, New, Sweet absent).

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

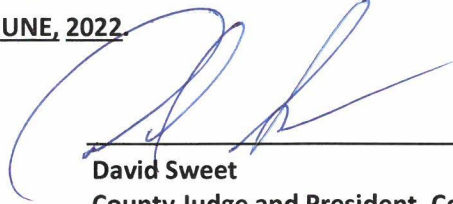
Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on his monthly reports for April (community related events, training, staffing, vehicles, response time compliance, etc.). He indicated, in part, that two new trucks are nearly ready to be put into service, and they will also be adding one new MICU to the fleet (going from 7 to 8 MICUs in service). He shared that he currently has 1 paramedic in training and 14 EMT applications 'in process.' Also, his company will be offering sign-on bonuses and employment contracts to send new staff to paramedic school (which takes 1-1.5 years to complete).

Vice President Nichol acknowledged "EMS Week," and she thanked Mr. Ownby and his staff for their service and all they do for the communities they serve. Board Member Billings mentioned that City of Fate recently did a citizen satisfaction survey, and "EMS" received an 87% positive rating from respondents.

5. Adjournment

Vice President Nichol adjourned the board meeting at 5:28 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS 15th DAY OF JUNE, 2022.



David Sweet
County Judge and President, County of
Rockwall ESC Board of Directors

ATTEST:



**Kristy Teague - Assistant Secretary,
Board of Directors - County of Rockwall ESC**

