



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

James Branch (Royse City)
Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Kevin Fowler (Rockwall) (5:07 p.m. arrival)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)

ABSENT

Christopher Ash (Fate)
David Billings (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rck)

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 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 Aug. 18, 2021 regular ESC board meeting

Board Member Fowler moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Ash, Billings & Johannesen were absent).

4. Discuss / act on adoption of the following ES Corporation budgets for Fiscal Year 2022:

- a) Administrative / Operating Budget
- b) Law Enforcement Training Facility Operating Budget
- c) Emergency Management Program Budget

Mrs. Mary Smith, City Manager/Finance Director from City of Rockwall, provided brief comments pertaining to the budget proposals, generally indicating that the documents have been shared with all member entities / jurisdictions. Sweet then moved to approve the resolution adopting all three

(3) of the budgets for FY2022. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Ash, Billings & Johannesen were absent).

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

David Peek, ESC Treasurer, briefed the board on his monthly report. Board Member Nichol then moved to accept the report, as presented. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Ash, Billings & Johannesen were absent).

6. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management program report

Barbara Neville, Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, spoke about this monthly report. (Note: Sweet and New briefly stepped out of the meeting at this juncture (5:05 p.m.) but returned at 5:07 p.m.). Neville continued with her verbal report on recent activities that have transpired within her department. Sweet then made a motion to accept this report, as presented. Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Ash, Billings & Johannesen were absent).

7. Discussion regarding possible creation of a countywide 'Health Coordinator'

Board Member New indicated that he requested this item be placed on the agenda for discussion; however, he understands that no action will be taken this evening regarding this topic. He went on to express that he strongly believes there is "a gap" that needs to be filled and there should be someone in place, full-time, who solely focuses on the health and safety of Rockwall County residents. Sweet suggested that a subcommittee be formed to explore this possibility, suggesting that Board Members New and Billings as well as Barbara Neville, Dr. Perritt (designated "County Health Authority") and himself serve on said subcommittee. This topic can then possibly be placed on a future ESC board meeting agenda for action.

8. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

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

Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS came forth and briefed the board on his monthly reports for ambulance services throughout the County for the month of August. Sweet then moved to accept the reports, as presented. Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Ash, Billings & Johannesen were absent).

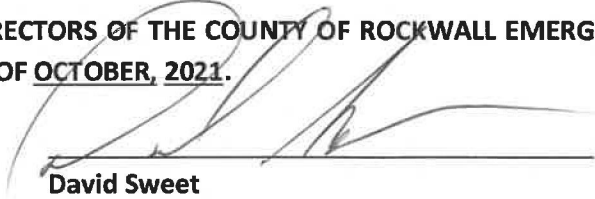
3. Discuss / act on update from local jurisdiction(s) related to 'exclusivity' associated with non-emergency ambulance service transfers

Sweet asked if any jurisdictions have updates regarding this topic as related to their own, individual city. Michael Kovacs, Fate City Manager, indicated that his city is working to draft an ordinance to institute "exclusivity" pertaining to ambulance services. Board Member New of Heath shared that he would like to see all cities in Rockwall County pass exclusivity ordinances for ambulance services. Board Member Phillips of Mobile City indicated that his jurisdiction recently passed a resolution supporting exclusivity of ambulance services. Sweet reminded everyone that this issue is solely a 'city issue,' as Rockwall County cannot pass any such ordinance. Board Member Fowler, Mayor of Rockwall, shared that the City of Rockwall recently discussed this with council members and the city attorney, and Rockwall is going to take some convincing before it would possibly pass such an ordinance. Board Member Branch indicated that the attorney for Royse City will also take some convincing because he believes the Texas Constitution prohibits creation of monopolies, and he believes that creation of an "exclusivity ordinance" would be doing just that. General discussion ensued related to this topic, but the board took no action as a result of this discussion item.

4. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 20th DAY OF OCTOBER, 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

