

MINUTES

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

Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, December 1, 2021 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

David Billings (Fate)
James Branch (Royse City)
Brian Davis (McLendon Chisholm)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Kevin Fowler (Rockwall)
Frank New (Heath)
Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Brownie Sherrill (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)

ABSENT

Christopher Ash (Fate) Trace Johannesen (Rck)

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

President of the ESC, David Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the above named board members being present and absent.

2. Open Forum / Public Comments

Sweet asked if anyone present in the audience would like to address the board. There being no one indicating such, he then closed Open Forum.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the Oct. 20, 2021 ES Corp. board meeting

Vice President of the ESC, Janet Nichol moved to approve the minutes, as presented. Board Member New seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

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

David Peek, Treasurer of the ESC, briefed the board on his monthly report, indicating that he will bring forth a proposal to engage an audit firm for this past fiscal year at the January 2022 ESC board meeting. Board Member New then made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, as presented. Board Member Sherrill seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

5. Discuss / act on approval of the (revised) Fiscal Year 2022 Emergency Mgmt. Services Agreement with Rockwall County

Board Member Billings of Fate asked for brief clarification on this revised/updated agreement. Sweet indicated that it does reflect the changes that the ESC Board discussed at its last meeting. Board Member Billings then moved to approve the agreement. Nichol seconded he motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

6. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management program report

Sweet began discussion of this item, indicating that Emergency Management Coordinator for Rockwall County, Barbara Neville, recently resigned to pursue other opportunities. He acknowledged and expressed gratitude for the work that Mrs. Neville had done on behalf of the County, especially throughout the COVID-related epidemic. Following brief, additional comments, Board Member Billings made a motion to recommend to the Rockwall County Commissioners Court that Jarod Rosson (currently serving as Deputy Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator) be appointed as the new Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator. Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

Jarod Rosson of the Rockwall County Office of Emergency Management provided a verbal update based on his department's written, monthly reports. Sweet moved to accept the report, as presented. Billings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

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

Board Members New and Sweet indicated there is nothing extensive to report this month concerning this topic. Sweet, New, Dr. Perritt and Jarod Rosson are the subcommittee members currently evaluating this issue. Additional discussion will take place in January concerning this topic. No action was taken at this time.

8. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called this meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

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

Sweet conveyed a brief story of a recent EMS/Fire Dept. call involving a child who was 'special needs' and was choking. The responding emergency workers ended up saving this child's life. Sweet expressed gratitude to all those involved in helping this child and family.

Mr. Ownby of Rockwall County EMS then came forth and briefed the board on his monthly reports for the month of October, including giving indication that October response time compliance in all areas of the County was good. He also spoke about vehicle and mileage related language contained within the existing ambulance services contract. He passed out information regarding his company's current fleet of vehicles, including mileage, year models, etc. He stated that the current contract requires that vehicles (ambulances) be replaced every 250k miles; however, there is a nationwide shortage of vehicles and major 'backlogs' when new vehicles are placed on order (likely related to COVID and associated 'supply chain' shortages and backups). As a result, he would like to see that contract language changed to a 300k mile 'cap.' General discussion ensued pertaining to a possible exception being granted and/or a possible change to the existing contract language. This discussion / action item will be placed on the January 2022 meeting agenda for further consideration.

Board Member Billings spoke briefly, indicating that he would like to see a plan be put forth by Rockwall County EMS to detail how the company plans to handle the upcoming IH-30 roadway reconstruction project.

Sweet moved to accept the EMS reports for the month of October, as presented. Nichol seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Johannesen and Ash – absent).

3. Adjournment

ATTEST:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 19th DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

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County Judge and President, County of Rockwall

ESC Board of Directors

Kristy Cole - Assistant Secretary,

Board of Directors - County of Rockwall ESC