



MINUTES

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

Ambulance Services Board Meeting **Thursday, December 15, 2022 - 5:00 PM**

PRESENT

David Billings (Fate)
Heather Buegeler (Fate)
James Branch (Royse City)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Kevin Fowler (Rockwall)
Trace Johannesen (Rockwall)
Bryan McNeal (McLendon Chisholm)
Frank New (Heath)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Debra Shinder (Rowlett)
David Sweet (Rockwall County)

ABSENT

Janet Nichol (Rockwall County)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

ESC President, 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 during this portion of the meeting.

3. Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the Oct. 19, 2022 regular ESC board meeting

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

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

Indication was given that David Peek, ESC Treasurer was unable to attend the meeting this evening. The monthly reports for October and November were included in the informational meeting packet for review. No discussion took place and no questions were asked. Board Member Billings moved to approve the Treasurer's reports, as presented. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Nichol absent).

5. Discuss / act on monthly Emergency Management program reports

Jarod Rosson, County of Rockwall Emergency Management Coordinator, briefed the board on his department's monthly reports. He indicated that the 'basic plan' that is required to be updated once every five years has been completed, sent to the State and ultimately approved by the TX Division of Emergency Management (TDEM). So the County is now in compliance for another five years. In addition, several large projects have been completed, and several upcoming ones are in the pipeline. Also, the TX Animal Health Commission recently contacted Mr. Rosson concerning a potential "Avian Flu" case in the county. It came to be that about forty chickens were in fact impacted, but no further spread occurred, and it was stopped fairly quickly. Countywide advanced rapid shooter training is forthcoming with all chiefs. In addition, a grant opportunity is coming up for non-profit organizations, and Mr. Rosson anticipates some churches and other non-profits may take advantage of it. Finally, Mr. Rosson shared that a "live" drone feed has been added as a resource within the county's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). It was utilized and was found to be beneficial during the recent Christmas parade in the City of Rockwall.

Sweet moved to accept the Emergency Management report, as presented. Phillips seconded the motion, which passed by a vote of 11 ayes with 1 absence (Nichol).

6. Discuss / act on engagement letter with Rutherford, Taylor & Co., P.C. to perform an audit of the ESC for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2022.

Billings moved to authorize signing of the engagement letter with Rutherford, Taylor & Co., P.C. to conduct the ESC audit for fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2022. Shinder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Nichol absent).

7. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

II. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting to order

Sweet called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the Nov. 17, 2022 ESC Ambulance Services board meeting

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

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

Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS (the contractor) came forth and briefed the board on ambulance-related monthly reports for the months of October and November. He touched on community related events, continuing education training for countywide first responder agencies (FRO), staffing, and response time / performance compliance. He mentioned that 'advanced life support' (ALS) training was recently held with Royse City Fire Department, and that type of training for all of the other FROs will be forthcoming. Board Member New then moved to accept the ambulance-related reports for October and November 2022, as presented. Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Nichol absent).

4. Discuss / act on Medic Rescue's last and final one-year ambulance services contract extension request

Board Member Billings moved to approve and grant the last, one-year contract extension to Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS concerning the countywide ambulance services contract. Board Member Fowler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Nichol).

5. Discuss / act on authorizing the ESC President to execute an amended countywide ambulance services contract with Medic Rescue (DBA Rockwall County EMS)

Board Member Billings moved to authorize the execution of the amended countywide ambulance services contract between Medic Rescue and the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corp. (ESC). Board Member New seconded the motion. It was pointed out that the effective date of the amended contract will be April 1, 2023. President Sweet briefly spoke, pointing out that each municipality that had not already done so (i.e. Heath) has taken action to institute exclusivity ordinances related to ambulance service within their city. Also, the service area of this amended contract includes the entire city limits of all ESC municipalities (except Rowlett, which does not participate in the countywide ambulance services contract). Board Member Billings thanked Kristy Teague for all the work she has put into the contract amendments and associated process, and President Sweet thanked all of the public safety officials, city managers, and elected officials who have been involved in the process of amending the contract. Following those brief comments, the motion to authorize execution of the amended contract passed unanimously of those present (Nichol absent).

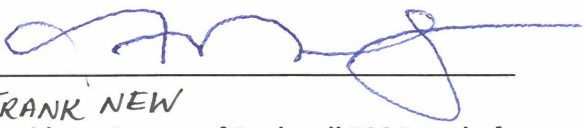
Before the meeting adjourned, City Manager Carl Alsabrook of Royse City read a written statement provided by County Commissioner (and ESC Board Member) Janet Nichol who was unable to attend tonight's ESC meeting due to Christmas parade-related obligations in Royse City this evening. He read the statement, which generally expressed a great deal of humble gratitude from Nichol regarding her having had the opportunity to serve on the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corporation Board for many years.

ESC Board Member Kevin Fowler, Mayor of the City of Rockwall briefly recognized both Commissioner Nichol and Judge Sweet / ESC President, thanking both of them for having invested many years of service on the ESC board.

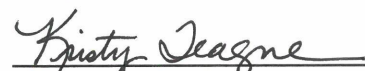
6. Adjournment

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 5:24 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.


FRANK NEW
President, County of Rockwall ESC Board of
Directors

ATTEST:


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

