



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 - 5:00 PM

PRESENT

Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Trace Johannesen (Rockwall)
Frank New (Rockwall County)
Brandon Peterson (Heath)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Deb Shinder (Rowlett)
Heather Buegeler (Fate)

ABSENT

James Branch (Royse City)
David Billings (Fate)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Dana Macalik (Rockwall County)
Bryan McNeal (McLendon Chisholm)
Brandon Seery (Heath)

I. GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call public meeting(s) to order

ESC President, Frank New 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

No one came forth to speak during Open Forum.

3. Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the Sept. 20, 2023 regular ESC board meeting

Board Member Shinder moved to approve the minutes, and Board Member Ellis seconded the motion. The motion for approval passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes with 6 absences).

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

David Peek, Treasurer of the ESC, came forth and verbally reported on financials through the end of October. He shared that, after the first of the new year, he will work to secure an outside audit firm again so that a fiscal year audit for 2023 can be conducted on the ESC's 'books' and financials. Board Member Ellis then moved to accept the treasurer's report, and Board Member Johannesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes with 6 absences).

5. Discuss / act on meeting dates and times for the upcoming 2024 calendar year

President New recommend the following meeting dates (every other month) for the upcoming calendar year:

- Wednesday, JANUARY 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, MARCH 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, MAY 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, JULY 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, SEPT. 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and
- Wednesday, DEC. 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Board Member Buegeler indicated that Board Member Billings would like to meet monthly. President New, however, recommended staying with an every-other-month meeting schedule.

Board Member Shinder then moved to approve the above named meeting dates for 2024. Board Member Ellis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes with 6 absences).

6. **Discuss / act on agreements between the ESC and Rockwall Co. for Fiscal Year 2024:**
 - a) **Emergency Mgmt. Administrative Operating Costs**
 - b) **Emergency Management Services**

Kristy Teague, ESC Assistant Secretary, briefly explained that these agreements are standard, annual ones entered into by the ESC and Rockwall County. They essentially spell out the various amounts the County will pay to the ESC for the programs in which the County participates and pays each year. Board Member Johannesen moved to authorize New to sign the agreements on behalf of the ESC. Board Member Shinder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes with 6 absences).

7. **Adjournment**

New adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

II. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

1. **Call public meeting to order**

New called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. **Discuss / act on monthly countywide Emergency Management Program report(s)**

Jarod Rosson, County Emergency Management Coordinator, verbally updated the board on his departmental monthly reports for the last two months, including recent and future projects and training. His staff, in part, is planning a tabletop exercise, accompanied by some drills that will be a 'tornado' based scenario, in the year 2024. He also shared that RACES radio operators recently assisted with communication for the annual Christmas parade that was held in Rockwall and for which the County Emergency Operations Center was activated. The ESC board took no formal action as a result of Mr. Rosson's reports.

3. **Adjournment**

New adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

III. AMBULANCE SERVICES (EMS) BOARD MEETING

1. **Call public meeting to order**

New called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on monthly countywide ambulance service report(s) and related contractual compliance

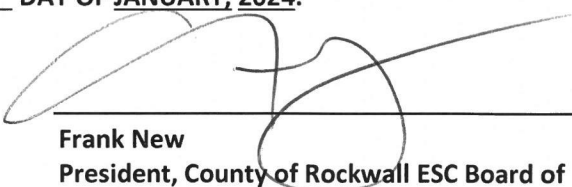
Mitch Ownby, President of Medic Rescue / DBA Rockwall County EMS, came forth and briefed the board on recent monthly reports and contract compliance-related matters. In addition, he informed the board on recent state legislation that will lead to the use of patient arm bands that will assign a patient ID number when someone first gets on an ambulance and will then follow that person throughout his or her hospital stay. He explained that the State of TX has passed this legislation mostly with mass casualty incidents in mind; however, the hope is to implement an armband system overall that can be utilized in all circumstances (not just mass casualties). Mr. Ownby reported on recent details regarding "response times" compliance, staffing, and community-related events the company has assisted with. Dialogue between Mr. Ownby and board members ensued thereafter pertaining to 'exceptions' associated with contractual response time compliance. Board Member New indicated that he has a meeting set up with Board Member Billings this coming Monday to discuss some ambulance-related matters, as Billings has indicated a desire to see response time compliance reported in a different way in the future. Mr. Ownby did explain the various exception categories reflected in the monthly report(s), including their definitions and how those tie back to the countywide ambulance services contract that is in place currently. In addition, Matthew Hitt, who is with the County Office of Emergency Management and currently serves as the (ambulance) "Contract Administrator" on behalf of the ESC indicated that each 'exception' is individually reviewed by him and then either accepted or denied.

President New then moved to accept the ambulance monthly report(s), as presented. Board Member Phillips seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (7 ayes with 6 absences).

3. Adjournment

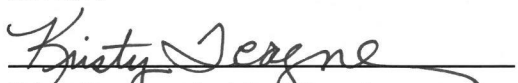
President New adjourned the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS 17th DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.**



Frank New
President, County of Rockwall ESC Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

