

MINUTES



COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 - 5:00 PM

Rockwall Historic Courthouse - 101 East Rusk Rockwall, Texas 75087

PRESENT

James Branch (Royse City)
Heather Buegeler (Fate)
Clay Ellis (Royse City)
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Dana Macalik (Rockwall County)
Frank New (Rockwall County)
Brandon Peterson (Heath)
Deb Shinder (Rowlett)

ABSENT

David Billings (Fate)
Trace Johannesen (Rockwall)
Bryan McNeal (McLendon Chisholm)
Kenny Phillips (Mobile City)
Brandon Seery (Heath)

I. General Board Meeting

1. Call public meeting 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 at this time.

3. Discuss / act on approval of minutes from the Dec. 6, 2023 regular ESC board meeting.

Board member Shinder moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Branch seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 8 ayes (with 5 absences).

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

ESC Treasurer, David Peek, provided brief comments on monthly reports from November and December. Board Member Branch moved to accept the two reports, as presented. Board Member Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 8 ayes (with 5 absences).

5. Discuss / act on authorizing ESC President to execute an engagement letter with Rutherford, Taylor, & Co., P.C. to conduct the annual audit of the ESC for fiscal year 2023.

Mr. Peek, ESC Treasurer, provided brief comments, offering to answer any questions board members may have. Board Member Macalik then moved to authorize the ESC President, Frank New, to sign/execute the engagement letter. Board Member Shinder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by a vote of 8 ayes (with 5 absences).

6. Adjournment

President New adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

II. Emergency Management Board Meeting

1. Call public meeting to order

President New called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

Jarod Rosson, County Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the board on monthly program reports. He indicated that on December 26, 2023, NCT-911 had some dispatch-related issues. So, the Emergency Management Department communicated these issues to the public via use of the IPAWS (cellular texting) system (note: IPWAS stands for "Integrated Public Alert Wireless System"). Mr. Rosson went on to share brief details concerning recent implantation of a debris management contract as well as ongoing efforts related to drafting and submitting for approval a countywide Mitigation Action Plan. He shared that public input on the draft Mitigation Plan will be solicited prior to an upcoming ESC board meeting. The ESC took no action as a result of this agenda item.

3. Adjournment

President New adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

III. Ambulance Services (EMS) Board Meeting

1. Call public meeting to order

President 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 associated contract compliance.

Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS came forth and briefed the board on monthly reports for December, including involvement in public-related events (i.e. Christmas parade), response time compliance and planning for growth through the addition of equipment if/when needed. Board members Buegeler and Branch both expressed concern about response times in the northeastern portion of the countywide service area. Mr. Ownby assured that additional equipment (i.e. more ambulances) will be added, as needed, in order to ensure response time compliance as the county continues to grow. Board Member Branch asked if executive meetings occur between Medic Rescue and countywide fire chiefs. Mr. Ownby shared that he does regularly talk to the chiefs, and he maintains a good relationship with them, including Royse City Fire Chief, Tanner Dietz. ESC President New shared that this current ESC board would like to see more specific details provided concerning late response time ambulance service calls. Discussion ensued pertaining to definitions associated with report statuses, such as "system overload" and "call cluster." Discussion also took place pertaining to posts / staging locations of ambulances as shown on a map in the informational meeting packet. Mr. Ownby assured the ESC board that his company does have a 'systems status plan' in place, and it is modified, as needed, regularly in order to ensure response times stay in good shape. Board Member Buegeler shared that she would like to see actual city names specified next to each call that is shown on future monthly reports.

3. Adjournment

ESC President New adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.



Frank New - President
County of Rockwall ESC Board of Directors

ATTEST:



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

