



**MINUTES**

**COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION**

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-882-2840

**Regular Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 25, 2016 5:00 p.m.**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

**Board Members Present:**

- Barry Brooks (Heath)
- Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
- Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)
- Lorne Megyesi (Fate)
- David Billings (Fate)
- Janet Nichol (Royse City)
- Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)
- David Sweet (Rck. County)

**Board Members Absent:**

- Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)
- Dana Lawson (Mobile City)
- VACANCY (McLendon Chisholm)

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

1. Call 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. Introductions related to new ES Corp. Board Member, Councilman David Billings, of the City of Fate

Sweet indicated that the population within the City of Fate (the portion w/in Rockwall County) has recently reached or exceeded 10,000. As such, in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws, the Fate City Council has appointed a second board member to serve and represent its city. Councilman David Billings then introduced himself, indicating that he works for AT&T, has served as a city council member in a previous city in which he lived, and he now serves on the Fate City Council. He generally indicated that he is looking forward to serving and that he just completed an orientation with Judge Sweet and Assistant Board Secretary, Kristy Cole, prior to the start of this meeting.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2016 regular ES Corporation Board Meeting

Board Member Dennis Lewis of Rockwall moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Nichol of Royse City seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Lawson and Bobbitt absent).

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

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54 **David Peek, Treasurer of the Board, provided a brief, verbal update concerning his written**  
55 **report. Board Member Sevier of Rockwall County moved to accept the report as presented.**  
56 **Board Member Megyesi of Fate seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those**  
57 **present.**

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59 5. Discuss / act on the Emergency Management program report(s)

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61 **Joe DeLane, Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, updated the board on**  
62 **his department's monthly reports.**

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64 **It was noted that Board Member Barry Brooks arrived to the meeting at this point (5:05**  
65 **p.m.).**

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67 **Mr. DeLane indicated that countywide mitigation and debris management plans are**  
68 **underway. A draft of the countywide Mitigation Action Plan is expected to be sent by the**  
69 **county's consultant to the various entities for their review within the next week or two.**  
70 **Comments will be solicited before final tweaks are made and it is sent to the State for**  
71 **review and approval. He indicated he recently gave a presentation regarding disaster-**  
72 **related economic resilience for businesses. Also, an advisory group related to coordination**  
73 **of disaster-related volunteers recently met to continue assessing the specific roles that**  
74 **would be filled by various organizations following a disaster. This is in an effort to ensure**  
75 **there are no gaps and no overlap of efforts. Finally, Rockwall County recently submitted to**  
76 **become recertified as a Storm Ready entity with the National Weather Service.**

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78 **The board took no action following Mr. DeLane's presentation.**

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80 6. Adjournment

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82 **The regular meeting was adjourned at 5:09 p.m.**  
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86 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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88 **Board Members Present:**

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90 **Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)**  
91 **Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)**  
92 **Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)**  
93 **Lorne Megyesi (Fate)**  
94 **Janet Nichol (Royse City)**  
95 **Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)**  
96 **David Sweet (Rck. County)**

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88 **Board Members Absent:**

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90 **Barry Brooks (Heath)**  
91 **Dana Lawson (Mobile City)**

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99 1. Call to order

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101 **David Sweet, President, called this portion of the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. with the**  
102 **forementioned board members being present and absent.**  
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- 104 2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the May 3, 2016 Special (Ambulance  
105 Services) Meeting  
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107 **Board Member Lewis moved to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Megyesi**  
108 **seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.**  
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- 110 3. Discuss / act on monthly reports from Medic Rescue related to EMS contract compliance,  
111 including any road construction impacts  
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113 **Mitch Ownby from Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on his company's**  
114 **monthly reports for April, including collections, response times, and community related**  
115 **events and activities.**  
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117 **Board Member Brooks of Heath updated the board concerning a Conditional Use Permit**  
118 **(CUP) that Medic Rescue will be granted by the City of Heath. This CUP will allow them to**  
119 **open a substation in Heath. He pointed out that over time it seems that the more calls for**  
120 **service within Heath, the worse the "on time" response time percentages. He encouraged**  
121 **Mr. Ownby to not be lax on moving forward with this new station in Heath, ensuring it is up**  
122 **and running as soon as possible, while also being diligent to stay on top of response times**  
123 **there in the meantime. General discussion ensued related to response times and stationing**  
124 **of ambulances in order to try and meet those response time requirements and get to**  
125 **patients just as soon as possible. Board Member Brooks questioned why late calls are not**  
126 **described in more detail in Medic Rescue's monthly reports. Mr. Ownby indicated that**  
127 **some are considered "exceptions" and some are not. Board Member Brooks questioned**  
128 **specific late calls within Heath, asking for more details concerning why they were 'late.'**  
129 **He hopes the new station in Heath will help alleviate and/or eliminate late calls there.**  
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131 **At 5:24 p.m., Sweet read the below listed discussion item into the record before recessing**  
132 **the meeting to go into Executive Session.**  
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- 134 4. Recess public meeting to hold Executive Session under Section 551.071 of Texas  
135 Government Code to discuss the following:  
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137 Pursuant to Section 551.071(2) of the Open Meetings Act: Consultation with  
138 attorney with regard to a matter that it is the duty of the attorney to consult  
139 with the ES Corporation pursuant to the Attorney Client Privilege under the  
140 Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas  
141 and regarding legal advice concerning the current and proposed contract for  
142 EMS (ambulance) transportation services.  
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- 144 5. Reconvene public meeting, and take any action as a result of Executive Session.  
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146 **The public meeting was reconvened at 6:05 p.m., and it was announced that no action**  
147 **would be taken as a result of Executive Session.**  
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149 **Following Executive Session, additional discussion took place in open session regarding**  
150 **response times, especially those in Fate, Heath and McLendon Chisholm. Mr. Ownby of**  
151 **Medic Rescue indicated that his company has been considering placing an ambulance near**  
152 **SH-551 and SH-276, expressing that this location would allow quicker response times to**  
153 **Fate and McLendon Chisholm. For clarification, Board Member Brooks asked Mr. Ownby if**  
154 **he believes the company will be able to have an "above 90% response time" in Fate,**

155 **McLendon Chisholm, and Fate (individually, not collectively). Mr. Ownby affirmatively**  
156 **replied, indicating he does believe this would be achieved.**

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158 6. Discuss / act on possible sale of or partnership(s) associated with Medic Rescue, including  
159 renewal of countywide ambulance services agreement and take any action necessary  
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161 **No discussion took place concerning this agenda item, and no action was taken.**

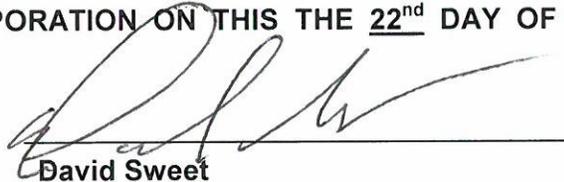
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163 7. Discuss / act on issuance of notice of non-renewal concerning agreement with Health Care  
164 Visions

165 **Board Member Pruitt made a motion to issue a letter of non-renewal to Health Care Visions**  
166 **(Steve Athey). Board Member Sevier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of**  
167 **those present.**

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169 8. Adjournment

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171 **The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 p.m.**

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174 **PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF**  
175 **ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF June,**  
176 **2016.**



**David Sweet**

County Judge and President, County of Rockwall  
ESC Board of Directors

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179 **ATTEST:**

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183 **Kristy Cole**  
184 **Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors -**  
185 **County of Rockwall ESC**

