



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2015 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)

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1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with the above named board members being present and absent.

2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the July 22, 2015 regular ES Corp. Board meeting

Board Member Sevier made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Megyesi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (Bobbitt and Lawson absent).

3. Discuss / act on resolutions adopting the following Fiscal Year 2016 Budgets of the ES Corporation:
 - a) Administrative / Operating Budget
 - b) Law Enforcement Training Facility Operating Budget
 - c) Law Enforcement Training Facility Debt Service Budget
 - d) Emergency Management Program Budget
 - e) Ambulance (EMS) Budget

Board Member Brooks made a motion to approve the resolutions associated with 3(a) – 3(e) as presented. Board Member Megyesi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Bobbitt and Lawson absent).

4. Discuss / act on the following agreements between the ESC and Rockwall County for Fiscal Year 2016
 - a) Emergency Management Services Agreement
 - b) Emergency Medical Services Agreement

52 Assistant Board Secretary, Kristy Cole (City of Rockwall), explained that these agreements are
53 entered into by the Corporation annually with Rockwall County. They essentially are a means by
54 which the County agrees to pay its portion of the various budgets to the Corporation each fiscal
55 year. Vice Chair Hatfield made a motion to approve the agreements associated with 4(a) and 4(b).
56 Board Member Brooks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present
57 (Bobbitt and Lawson absent).
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59 5. Discuss / act on the ES Corp. Treasurer's Report(s)
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61 David Peek, board Treasurer, verbally updated the board on his treasurer's reports, generally
62 indicated that all quarterly payments to the ESC are current by member entities, and the
63 Corporation itself is current on all of its bills. Board Member Pruitt made a motion to accept the
64 report. Board Member Brooks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present
65 (Bobbitt and Lawson absent).
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67 6. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program Report(s)
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69 Joe DeLane, County Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a verbal report to the board,
70 sharing information on various upcoming meetings, workshops and training sessions. He
71 indicated that a kick-off meeting will be held at the end of October with the consulting firm who
72 will be utilized (via grant funding) to assist the County in developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan,
73 explaining that the more people who attend, the better since there is an 'in kind match'
74 associated with the meeting attendance numbers. Also, a tabletop exercise will be held October
75 1st at the new courthouse on Yellow Jacket, and it will involve a factitious scenario regarding a
76 spontaneous protest at the historic courthouse on the square that gets out of hand. The exercise
77 will be held at Liberty Hall from 8AM until noon.
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79 7. Adjournment
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81 This meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.
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83 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**
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85 **Board Members Present:**

85 **Board Members Absent:**

86 **Barry Brooks (Heath)**

86 **Dana Lawson (Mobile City)**

87 **Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)**

88 **Lorne Megyesi (Fate)**

89 **Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)**

90 **Janet Nichol (Royse City)**

91 **Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)**

92 **Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)**

93 **David Sweet (Rck. County)**
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96 1. Call to order
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99 **Chair David Sweet called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.**
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101 2. Hear update regarding ambulance service related exclusivity provisions among member cities
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103 **Board Member (Mayor) Jim Pruitt of Rockwall updated the board on the Rockwall City Council's**
104 **plans to most likely move forward with adopting an ordinance to repeal "exclusivity" associated**
105 **with non-emergency ambulance transport services in the city. He explained that the council is**

106 currently evaluating how, if in any way, the city will choose to regulate those ambulance
107 companies. It is anticipated that repeal of these ordinance provisions will become effective
108 November 1st.
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110 City Manager Michael Kovacs of Fate shared that the current set-up in Rockwall County
111 concerning ambulance service provision (emergency calls) has been a very advantageous
112 system, especially from a financial standpoint since it results in each city not having to run its
113 own emergency EMS / ambulance calls. However, he suggested that the Corporation should
114 begin watching for any financial impact that Rockwall's ordinance repeal may have on the current
115 contractor (Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS) over the course of the coming months.
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117 Chair Sweet indicated that years ago, the idea of having a countywide fire and EMS partnership
118 was evaluated, and it was determined that doing so would result in an overnight increase in the
119 tax rate of something like 16+ cents (at least), so that idea was quickly put to rest.
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121 Tim Wolfe, representing Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS, came forth and commented that
122 the maximum standard set by the state is way below Rockwall County EMS' minimum standards
123 of care and staffing. For example, the Texas Department of State Health Services (TDH) only
124 requires that an ambulance be staffed by one paramedic and one EMT; however, Medic Rescue
125 staffs two paramedics on each box (which, he indicated is a rarity in the private EMS industry.
126 Typically, he stated, you only see this type of staffing with fire departments that provide EMS
127 services).
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129 Mr. Wolfe went on to share that one of his staff members, Martin, has had several meetings with
130 Presbyterian Hospital of Rockwall recently. Specifically, Presby's medical director recently met
131 with Medic Rescue's medical director and agreed to revamp protocols. He generally indicated
132 that he believes the two organizations are on the right track towards improving their relations.
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- 134 3. Discuss / act on reports from Medic Rescue related to EMS contract compliance, including road
135 construction impacts
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137 Mr. Wolfe provided a verbal update to the board concerning July reports, including involvement
138 in various community events and associated coverage, an update on response time compliance
139 and on financial reports. He stated that so far his company has not seen any sort of call volume
140 decrease with regards to Presbyterian Hospital Rockwall, and his company is really making an
141 effort to satisfy and please Presby. He went on to share that Presby still has not paid Medic
142 Rescue money owed and that indication was recently given that Presby does not really plan to
143 pay it.
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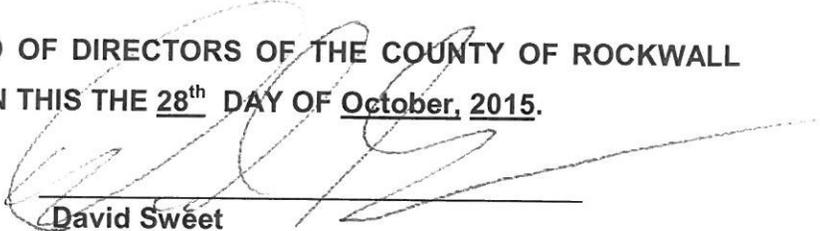
145 Board Member Brooks of Heath expressed concern about long response times to Heath within
146 some of the reports. Mr. Wolfe indicated that his company is evaluating establishing a closer
147 station to Heath, maybe even out of Presbyterian Hospital, in order to try and improve those
148 response times. Mr. Wolfe conveyed that the sooner his company can ensure it will still be in
149 business in one to 1.5 years, the sooner his company can determine a location in or closer to
150 Heath. Mr. Brooks generally expressed extreme dissatisfaction with Mr. Wolfe's reply in this
151 regard. Brooks went on to indicate that for a long time construction on FM-740 had been given
152 by Medic Rescue (Mr. Ownby) as the reasoning behind long response times to Heath; however,
153 construction on this roadway was completed months ago and the response time numbers are
154 still no better. Mr. Wolfe committed to look into all of the late calls to Heath and come up with a
155 solution, stating that it could be a training issue, a map reading issue or a traffic issue. Mr. Wolfe
156 agreed to get back to the board with an answer in this regard.
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- 158 4. Adjournment
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160 The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

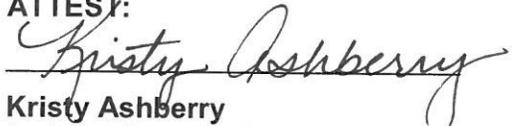
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162 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
163 EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 28th DAY OF October, 2015.

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

ATTEST:



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

