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MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 28, 2013 5:00 p.m.

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING

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Board Members Present:

Board Members Absent:

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- Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)
- Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)(arrived at 5:07 p.m.)
- Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
- Barry Brooks
- Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)
- Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
- Janet Nichol (Royse City)
- David Sweet (Rockwall)

- Bill Broderick
- Dana Lawson

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- 1. Call to order

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Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

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- 2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the July 24, 2013 ES Corporation Board Meeting

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Dennis Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes. David Sweet seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (8 ayes with 2 absent (Broderick, Lawson).

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- 3. Discuss / act on ES Corporation Treasurer's Report

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David Peek, Board Treasurer, provided a brief verbal report to the board, indicating that a recent debt payment was made for the law enforcement firing range and an interest only payment will be due in February. He gave an update on the Corporation's bank account balances as well as indication that all entities were current on their dues and all vendors have been paid.

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Steve Hatfield then made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Janet Nichol

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45 **seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (8 ayes with 2 absent**
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48 4. Discuss / act on appointment with Rutherford, Taylor & Company, P.C. regarding the
49 FY2012 audit of the ES Corporation

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51 **Coe Perry, representing Rutherford, Taylor & Company, presented the audit of the**
52 **Corporation for Fiscal Year 2012. He offered a clean opinion and distributed copies of**
53 **the audit and management letter to each board member for review.**

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55 5. Discuss / act on Fiscal Year 2014 budgets of the ES Corporation, including the following:
56 a) Administrative / Operating Budget
57 b) Law Enforcement Training Facility Operating Budget
58 c) Law Enforcement Training Facility Debt Service Budget
59 d) Emergency Management Program Budget
60 e) Ambulance (EMS) Budget

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62 **Mary Smith from the City of Rockwall indicated that these budgets have been distributed**
63 **to all the member entities of the ES Corporation. A minor change was recently made**
64 **related to the number of law enforcement officers from the County who would be utilizing**
65 **the firing range, and this change has been communicated to all jurisdictions as well. The**
66 **board will be asked to take action to formally approve these budgets at its September**
67 **board meeting.**

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69 **Brief, general discussion took place related to the City of Fate and its new, upcoming**
70 **public safety department with regards to potentially ‘buying into’ the ownership of the**
71 **gun range training facility or simply being a paying customer of the facility. Lorie**
72 **Grinnan agreed to contact the City of Fate to find out what their interest is regarding this**
73 **matter.**

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75 **No action was taken at this time.**

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77 6. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program report

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79 **Joe DeLane, Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, came forth and**
80 **briefed the board on his department’s monthly report. He indicated that the North**
81 **Central Texas Council of Governments is working to get Rockwall County a possible**
82 **grant that would help secure a consultant to complete the county’s Mitigation Plan. Two**
83 **unrelated grants are forthcoming including a Community Readiness Initiative (CRI) Grant**
84 **and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Grant. CERT training will be held**
85 **the end of September in conjunction with Rockwall Fire Department and Medic Rescue.**
86 **Mr. DeLane reported that only nine reported cases of West Nile have been confirmed in**
87 **the North Texas region so far this season, which is very mild compared to last year. In**
88 **November, a regional “Urban Shield” exercise will be held all over the Dallas / Fort Worth**

89 Metroplex area, and Rockwall County will participate in order to test its Emergency
90 Operations Center and Communications capabilities. A planning meeting will be held the
91 end of September for a full scale exercise that will be held in February in partnership with
92 the school district.

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94 7. Adjournment

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96 The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

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98 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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100 **Board Members Present:**

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102 **Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)**

103 **Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)**

104 **Barry Brooks**

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

106 **Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)**

107 **Janet Nichol (Royse City)**

108 **David Sweet (Rockwall)**

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110 1. Call to order

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112 **Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.**

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114 2. Discuss / act on reports from Medic Rescue regarding EMS contract compliance and all
115 related issues

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117 **Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS came forth and provided a verbal**
118 **update to the board regarding his EMS reports, including recent community involvement**
119 **and activities. He indicated that in July a third station began being 'manned' twenty-four**
120 **hours a day, seven days per week. This resulted in an additional eighty-eight unit hours**
121 **per week. Response times for July, he reported, were very good and revenues were**
122 **positive as well. He indicated that some non-paying accounts were recently sent to**
123 **collections. Five new employees have been hired too. Board Member Barry Brooks**
124 **indicated that response times to Heath were very good for July and may represent the**
125 **best numbers he has ever seen for Heath since serving on the board.**

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127 3. Hear report from board consultant, Steve Athey of Healthcare Visions, regarding
128 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) industry update

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130 **Steve Athey briefed the board on several items of interest. He pointed out that the**
131 **contract that the board maintains with Medic Rescue is a performance based contract, so**
132 **the addition of more unit hours comes at no additional cost to the Corporation, which is**
133 **a very good thing. He reported that one of the largest ambulance companies in the**
134 **nation recently filed bankruptcy (Rural Metro Corporation). They had \$6 million in debt**

135 and were faced with a lot of challenges, including things like Medicare and federal
136 regulations. They are still in business and are operating, but for them to have filed
137 bankruptcy is very concerning to the EMS industry as a whole.
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139 Regarding a possible funding source, Mr. Athey reported that there is an area in the State
140 of Oklahoma where there are no taxes and no ability for money to be budgeted to
141 subsidize ambulance service. As a result, this part of Oklahoma began assessing a
142 small fee on resident water bills (about \$2.00 - \$4.00 per month), which essentially
143 bought the whole household living at that address and "EMS membership." All residents
144 were opted in by default with the ability for them to opt out if they so desire. This system
145 of raising revenue for EMS service has been operating in this area of Oklahoma
146 successfully for about 3 years now with 90% of residents remaining as paying customers
147 and only about 10% opting out. The board asked Mr. Athey to explore this potential
148 funding mechanism further and report back to the board at a future date.
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150 No formal action was taken by the board regarding to this agenda item.

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152 4. Adjournment

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154 The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.
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157 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
158 ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION on this the 25th day of September,
159 2013.



Lorie Grinnan
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

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163 ATTEST:



Kristy Ashberry
Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors
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