



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 25, 2012 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present:

Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
Barry Brooks (Heath)
Bill Broderick (Fate)
Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
David Sweet (Rockwall)
Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)
Janet Nichol (Royse City)

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Bailey (Rck. County)
Doug Phillips (Rowlett)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)

1. Call to order

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

2. Discuss / act on Royse City's board member designation / associated representation to the ES Corporation board.

Mrs. Grinnan explained that Royse City is not currently meeting the 10,000 population requirement associated with having two board members serve on the ES Corporation Board. She explained that the bylaws call for an entity to have two board representatives only after the population of those living in their city (the portion within Rockwall County itself) reaches 10,000. As a result of Royse City not meeting the population requirement at this time, Dennis Bailey made a motion to reduce Royse City's representation on the board from two down to one. Steve Hatfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present. Indication was given that Royse City's one representative on the board will be Janet Nichol.

3. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the June 27, 2012 regular ES Corporation Board meeting.

David Sweet made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2012 board meeting. Bill Broderick seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.

4. Discuss / act on monthly Treasurer's Reports.

Board treasurer, David Peek, provided brief comments to the board relative to his treasurer reports, including an update on account balances and an upcoming debt service payment related to the law enforcement firing range training facility. Janet Nichol made a motion to

52 accept the treasurer's report. Steve Hatfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously
53 of those present.

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55 5. Discuss / act on preliminary FY13 budgets of the ES Corporation.
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57 Lorie Grinnan indicated that the proposed budgets for FY13 were recently distributed to each
58 of the member entities for review and consideration. If any entity has questions or concerns
59 with these budgets, they are asked to contact Mary Smith, Finance Director with the City of
60 Rockwall, for clarification. Otherwise, the board itself will take action to approve the budgets
61 at its September board meeting. No formal action was taken at this time.
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63 6. Discuss / act on Emergency Management Program report.
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65 Joe Ellis, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, provided a briefing to the board on
66 recent Emergency Management Program activities, including indication that the five year
67 update to the countywide emergency response plan is underway. The updated plan will be
68 distributed to each entity for review soon. The American Red Cross, Rockwall County
69 Emergency Management staff and Rockwall Independent School District personnel have been
70 working towards securing emergency sheltering agreements. He also shared that the county
71 is working on submitting a grant application for FY13 funding.
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73 The board took no action related to this agenda item.
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75 7. Discuss / Act on annual selection of board officers including the following:
76 a) President c) Secretary (and Assistant Secretary)
77 b) Vice President d) Treasurer
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79 David Sweet made a motion to appoint the following board members to serve as officers on
80 the ES Corporation board for the next year:
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82 President – Lorie Grinnan
83 Vice President – Steve Hatfield
84 Secretary – Janet Nichol
85 Assistant Secretary – Kristy Ashberry
86 Treasurer – David Peek
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88 Barry Brooks seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.
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90 8. Adjournment
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92 The regular board meeting was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.
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94 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**
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96 **Board Members Present:**

97 Dennis Lewis (Rockwall)
98 Barry Brooks (Heath)
99 Steve Hatfield (McLendon Chisholm)
100 David Sweet (Rockwall)
101 Lorie Grinnan (Rck. County)
102 Janet Nichol (Royse City)
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Board Members Absent:

Dennis Bailey (Rck. County)
Bill Broderick (Fate)
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)

104 1. Call to order
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106 **Board President Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.**
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- 108 2. Discuss / act on report from EMS Consultant to the board, Steve Athey, regarding Medic
109 Rescue or other EMS industry updates.
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111 **Steve Athey of Healthcare Visions provided an update to the board related to the “Obamacare”**
112 **healthcare reform. He indicated that the EMS industry is not totally sure what affect it will**
113 **have on EMS at this point, but the American Ambulance Association is watching the issue**
114 **very closely. He provided a brief update on Medicare and Medicaid, sharing that some of this**
115 **funding was cut starting back in January. He spoke some about commercial insurance**
116 **providers and possible side effects related to how much they are willing to pay for certain**
117 **healthcare related services and items. He indicated it is safe to assume that costs for EMS**
118 **providers will go up while revenues will become increasingly more flat.**
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120 **Steve Hatfield, board member, indicated he believes the board should keep a close watch on**
121 **these impacts and plan ahead accordingly.**
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123 **Mr. Athey shared that Barry Brooks of Heath, Dennis Bailey of Rockwall County, Lorie Grinnan**
124 **of Rockwall County and Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue recently met to discuss and evaluate**
125 **more closely the EMS response times to Heath. General indication was given that the recent**
126 **meeting was positive and that Medic Rescue will attempt to take additional steps, beyond**
127 **those recently taken, to work on achieving better response times to Heath. The board took no**
128 **action related to this item.**
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- 130 3. Discuss / act on request by Medic Rescue for a one year contract extension, including subsidy
131 pricing negotiations in accordance with the current EMS contract.
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133 **Lorie Grinnan indicated that Medic Rescue recently submitted a letter requesting the board**
134 **consider granting them a one-year contract extension. She explained that the board need not**
135 **take action on this request today, but it might be appropriate to ask Mr. Athey to evaluate the**
136 **request more closely, including requesting he conduct a compliance audit. Mr. Athey shared**
137 **that he is happy to perform a compliance audit if the board desires and that it has been a while**
138 **since one was performed. Steve Hatfield then made a motion to authorize Steve Athey to**
139 **conduct a compliance review of Medic Rescue and return to the board in September with a**
140 **recommendation related to granting or denying said extension request. David Sweet**
141 **seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present.**
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- 143 4. Discuss / act on reports from Medic Rescue regarding contract compliance and all related
144 issues.
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146 **Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS / Medic Rescue reported on various items related to**
147 **June and July activities, including recent community involvement and events, new coding for**
148 **billing and new electronic charting that is now being performed on handheld tablets. He**
149 **shared that patients can now sign documents electronically, facilities and nurses can now**
150 **sign electronically, and everything is backed up remotely on “the cloud” with redundancy built**
151 **in as well. He cautioned that a shift to electronic billing may have some effects on the next few**
152 **months of reports. He stated that they used to list and bill for each, individual item but that**
153 **they are now shifting to more of a flat rate billing where items are sold in ‘bundles’ instead. He**
154 **briefly offered comments on the response time reports, indicating they are making**
155 **adjustments in an effort to increase response times, especially to Heath. The board took no**
156 **formal action related to this agenda item.**
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- 158 5. Adjournment
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160 The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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163 ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF
164 ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION on this the 22nd day of August, 2012.

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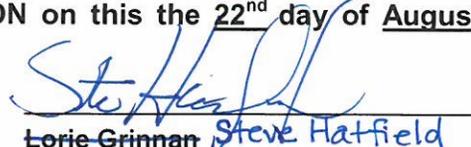
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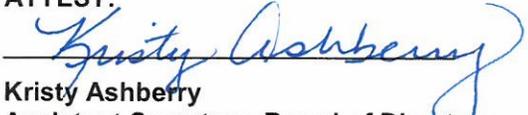
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vice ~~Lorie Grinnan~~ Steve Hatfield
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



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

