



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2011 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Board Members Present:

Bill Broderick
Bill Cecil
Lorie Grinnan
Steve Hatfield
Bob Hille
Patrick Jackson
David Magness
Janet Nichol

Board Members Absent:

Jerrell Baley
Wanda Cooper
Margo Nielsen

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1. Call to order

Lorie Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on approval of the minutes from the February 23, 2011 regular ES Corporation board meeting.

It was noted that brief details about board member Margo Nielsen's recent participation in a ride along with Rockwall County EMS should be added to the minutes. Following this clarification, Bill Cecil made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Steve Hatfield seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

3. Discuss/act on request for use of the law enforcement firing range facility.

Lorie Grinnan began discussion of this item, indicating that a citizen of Rockwall County recently approached her about possibly opening up use of the gun range for citizens. General discussion took place related to legal considerations associated with this possibility. It was pointed out that each participating entity would have to agree to give up some of its law enforcement training time in order to allow time for public use. Grinnan indicated that doing so might also compromise the facility's non-profit, tax exempt status. Rockwall City Manager Julie Couch indicated that the facility was not designed for public use and that there may be some liability considerations as well as concerns related to staffing the facility. Couch pointed out that there is neither sufficient restroom facilities nor ample parking. Also, the bonds to pay for the facility were issued on a tax exempt basis, which, again, could compromise the tax

52 exempt status. Rockwall County Judge Jerry Hogan was present at the meeting and voiced
53 his opinion that if there is no legal reason why this issue cannot be explored further, he
54 believes it should be further looked into. Rockwall Mayor Bill Cecil provided brief comments
55 related to a "for profit" status versus a "not for profit status." Grinnan indicated that the board
56 will likely need to seek legal counsel before moving forward to determine if this is even a
57 possibility. Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller stated that the training gun range currently
58 used by the City of Garland recently had the roof cave in, so Garland may want to begin
59 utilizing the Rockwall training facility. It is also anticipated that more law enforcement
60 agencies may want to contract to use it in the future. City Manager of Heath, Ed Thatcher,
61 offered brief comments related to publicly financed amenities used for public and private use.
62 Patrick Jackson of Rowlett expressed that he feels it is a possibility worth exploring.
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64 Leroy Grawunder, legal counsel prepared all of the original legal documents when the training
65 facility was initially established and financed, indicated that opening the facility up to the
66 public would change the facility's use from an extension of law enforcement to a public,
67 recreational use. He further indicated that it might be out of the scope of the purpose of the
68 Emergency Service Corporation itself since it was originally established in order to provide
69 emergencies services, not recreational services.
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71 Grinnan indicated that she will get a cost estimate on what legal expenses would be involved
72 in exploring this issue further to see if it is even a possibility.
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74 Cecil stated that he is satisfied with leaving the facility's use 'as is' since the possibility of
75 public use was already thoroughly explored before the facility was constructed.
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77 Grinnan stated that the bonds will not be paid off for an additional five years and she is
78 concerned about the facility possibly losing its tax exempt status.
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80 Cecil pointed out again that some physical, structural modifications would be necessary to
81 retrofit it for public use.
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83 After lengthy discussion, Grinnan indicated that she will place this topic back on next month's
84 agenda and will include additional background information.
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- 86 4. Discuss / Act on updated report from technical subcommittee regarding financing options for
87 improvements at the law enforcement firing range facility.
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89 Rockwall Finance Director Mary Smith provided information related to this item, indicating that
90 Rockwall cannot issue debt solely on its own; therefore, the board needs to move forward
91 collectively to refinance at the lower interest rate. The board should also include in the
92 refinancing additional dollars to pay for the needed baffling replacement and repairs.
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94 Bill Cecil made a motion to move forward collectively to refinance the training facility at a
95 lower interest rate and to include in the refinancing the funding necessary to replace the
96 baffling. Patrick Jackson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
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98 Smith indicated that she will bring back to the board a resolution for consideration. This
99 resolution would be passed on to each member city for consideration as well.
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- 101 5. Discuss / Act on Treasurer's report and update.
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103 David Peek provided a brief update to the board related to bank account balances on the
104 Corporation's bank accounts. After his brief report, Bob Hille made a motion to accept the
105 treasurer's report as presented. Bill Cecil seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
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107 6. Discuss / Act on Emergency Management Program activities report and all related issues.
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109 Rockwall County Emergency Management Coordinator, Joe DeLane, indicated that Skywarn
110 severe weather training was recently held, and seventy-five citizens participated. He indicated
111 that he recently delivered several presentations to the public, including speeches at a Rotary
112 meeting and a Chamber of Commerce meeting. An eighteen foot trailer was recently obtained
113 through Crisis Readiness Initiative (CRI) grant funding, and it will be utilized to house Radio
114 Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) radio equipment and other communication
115 equipment.
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117 Bill Cecil asked if there have been any recent updates related to the flu. DeLane indicated that
118 he has heard no updates at this time and that he likely will not hear anything until in July.
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120 7. Adjournment
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122 The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.
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124 AMBULANCE SERVICES MEETING 125

126 Board Members Present:

127 Bill Broderick
128 Bill Cecil
129 Lorie Grinnan
130 Steve Hatfield
131 Bob Hille
132 David Magness
133 Janet Nichol

134 Board Members Absent:

135 Jerrell Baley
136 Wanda Cooper
137 Margo Nielsen
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139 1. Call to order
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141 Grinnan called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.
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143 2. Discuss / act on subsidy pricing negotiations for EMS contract extension years.
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145 Rockwall City Manger Julie Couch indicated that a subcommittee is working negotiating the
146 first contract year extension, which is year six of the initial five year contract. EMS consultant
147 to the board, Steve Athey, indicated that the board has granted three extension years thus far.
148 He indicated that a 3% increase over the base contract price will be formally proposed at next
149 month's meeting. Lorie Grinnan indicated a desire to possibly review 'urban' versus 'rural'
150 areas in the contract for potential modification. She also indicated that an outside audit of the
151 ES Corporation and Medic Rescue may be proposed at a future meeting. No action was taken
152 by the board related to this item.
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154 3. Discuss / Act on reports from Medic Rescue regarding contract compliance and all related
155 issues.

156 Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue provided a general update to the board related to recent
157 community service activities, billing, collections, and response times, including brief
158 comments related to a couple of late calls caused by construction delays.
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160 Bob Hille and Steve Hatfield expressed positive comments about recently meeting with Mitch
161 Ownby prior to a board meeting in order to review Medic Rescue's reports in detail.
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163 After brief discussion, the board took no action related to this item.
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165 4. Adjournment
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167 The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.
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170 ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF ROCKWALL
171 EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION on this the 27th day of April, 2011.
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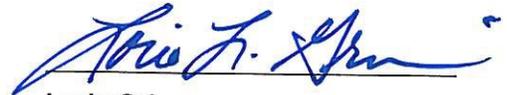
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Lorie Grinnan
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



David Magness
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

