



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 24, 2008 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Don Becknell
Bill Broderick
Bill Cecil
Chris Florance
Lorie Grinnan
Steve Hatfield
Bob Hille
Cindy Rushing

Board Members Absent:

Wanda Cooper
Cliff Sevier

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order

Bill Cecil called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the July 23, 2008 regular ESC board meeting and take any action necessary.

Cindy Rushing made a motion to accept the minutes from July 23, 2008. Don Becknell seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes and 2 absent (Cooper, Sevier).

3. Hear update on law enforcement firing range facility and take any action necessary.

Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller explained that the wind damage that the facility sustained has been repaired; however, there are still some concerns related to the slab. He stated that a meeting will be held tomorrow with the architect to discuss the slab and drainage-related problems and to discuss who is responsible for damage caused by these problems.

Rick Crowley, Rockwall Assistant City Manager, explained that he, Chief Moeller and the city's engineer have met with attorney Bob Roeder whose firm represents the board. He

49 stated that the attorney is involved to represent and look out for the interest of the
50 Emergency Services Corporation.

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52 Cindy Rushing asked if the flooding that has occurred resulted in any damage. Chief
53 Moeller explained that no significant damage occurred and the range is still operational;
54 however, water keeps coming into the building. He stated that the slab has moved about
55 1" – 1.5". Crowley explained that the portion of the slab that is moving does not affect the
56 structure itself. General discussion took place related to the type of slab and its
57 movement. Crowley indicated that just under \$700 has been spent so far on attorney fees,
58 and they are unsure at this point how much the attorney fees will add up to in the end. He
59 further stated that at this point, the relationship among the various parties involved
60 remains amiable and positive. He indicated that additional updates will be provided to the
61 board regarding this matter in the future.

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63 4. Hear update on Emergency Management Program activities and take any action
64 necessary.

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66 County Emergency Management Coordinator Joe DeLane was present to update the board
67 on recent activities. He explained that this region is designated as an evacuation and
68 sheltering area for hurricane evacuees. He stated that the only shelter in Rockwall County
69 is located at the Sabine Creek Ranch but that it was not opened during the Ike evacuation
70 because the Red Cross did not have enough staff to man the shelter. DeLane explained
71 that he and Matt Miller, the Emergency Management Specialist, helped work the reception
72 center in Mesquite during the evacuation and sheltering efforts. He further indicated that
73 there are still some evacuees currently staying in hotels in Rockwall and that Helping
74 Hands has been working to meet the needs of these evacuees. He reported that more than
75 sixty households in Rockwall have received evacuees and that Helping Hands has issued
76 about \$1600 in gas vouchers so far to evacuees.

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78 5. Hear presentation related to countywide Reverse 911 system and take any action
79 necessary.

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81 Rockwall Fire Department Lieutenant Brett Merritt gave a presentation to provide board
82 members with an overview of the Reverse 911 notification system and its functionality. He
83 explained that this system was purchased with grant money and that it can be activated
84 through the Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall County Emergency Management and
85 City of Rockwall Emergency Management personnel. He explained that the system was
86 funded with about \$49,000 in grant money and that it costs approximately \$6000-\$7000 per
87 year to maintain it.

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89 Lance Singleton, City of Rockwall Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator,
90 provided the board with information related to the mapping portion of the Reverse 911
91 system. He explained that the map and associated phone numbers are resulting in about
92 a 97% accuracy for the entire county. He indicated that there are about 696, or 3 percent,
93 of phone numbers in Rockwall County that are not being called because the Rockwall
94 County Appraisal District is about six months behind on addressing.

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96 Cindy Rushing asked if the system includes cell phones when it makes call notifications.
97 Lieutenant Merritt explained that the only way that cell phone numbers would be called is
98 if the public submits their cell phone numbers and staff adds these numbers to the system
99 manually. The only phone numbers provided by the company we purchase data from are

100 LAN lines, not cell phones. General discussion took place related to the use of cell
101 phones and incorporating them into the notification process.
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103 6. Hear treasurer's report and update and take any action necessary.
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105 Bill Sinclair briefed the board on the bank account balances and the certificates of deposit
106 balances as of the end of August 2008. He stated that he purchased the Quick Books
107 software, installed it on the county computers and has begun entering in financial data.
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109 Lorie Grinnan made a motion to accept the treasurer reports for July and August. Steve
110 Hatfield seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 8 ayes and 2 absent
111 (Cooper and Sevier).
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113 7. Adjournment
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115 The regular board meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.
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117 **SPECIAL SERVICES BOARD MEETING**
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119 1. Call to order
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121 Bill Cecil called the Special Services Board Meeting to order at 5:57 p.m.
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123 2. Hear update from Medic Rescue regarding contract compliance, audit and reports and
124 take any action necessary.
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126 Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue / Rockwall County EMS was present and gave a brief
127 update on community events that the company has been involved in over the last couple
128 of months. He indicated that traffic delays associated with construction have improved.
129 Brief discussion took place related to collection rates.
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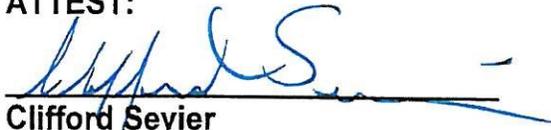
131 3. Adjournment
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133 The Special Services Board Meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.
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137 ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 22nd day of October, 2008.
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William (Bill) R. Cecil
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:


Clifford Sevier

Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

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