



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

**Make up of Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 25, 2007 5:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present:

Dennis Alsup
Bruce Beaty
Bill Cecil
Chris Florance
Steve Hatfield
David Hill
Robert Hille
Jim Mellody

Board Members Absent:

Wanda Cooper
Stephen Straughan

General Board Meeting

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the April 4, 2007 ESC board meeting and take any action necessary.

* Hille made a motion to approve the minutes
** Alsup seconded the motion
*** The motion passed unanimously

3. Hear update regarding the Rockwall Regional Firearms Training Facility and take any action necessary.

Rockwall Police Chief Mark Moeller gave a brief update on construction progress and reported that the estimated completion date is mid-July. The board briefly discussed the need to schedule a dedication/grand opening ceremony for the facility.

4. Discuss and consider approval of invoices for payment and take any action necessary.

* Florance made a motion to approve the CMJ invoice for \$978 and the Brinkley Sergeant Architects invoice for \$6,941.17.

** Melody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

* Alsup made a motion to approve a Modern Contractors invoice for \$187,720.

** Hatfield seconded the motion

*** The motion passed unanimously

5. Hear treasurer's report and update from Bill Sinclair and take any action necessary.

Sinclair gave a brief overview of his February report and solicited questions from those present. No questions were asked.

He indicated that he would like board approval to request financial parameters and contract compliance information from Medic Rescue. He clarified that he would like to receive aging information on unpaid invoices as well as dates regarding when a bill is incurred versus when it is invoiced and paid. The board granted Sinclair's request to solicit this information from Medic Rescue.

Hill asked about the late interest payment referenced in Sinclair's report. Sinclair indicated that he had somehow missed an interest payment in February. He thought one was not due until August, and since he did not receive an invoice, it was not paid on time. He has made arrangements to receive interest invoices in the future, so this should not happen again.

Sinclair asked if there is a need to seek board approval on individual payments if a contract is in place for a specific program. The board indicated that as long as said payments are in line with the associated contract, there is no need for the invoices to go before the board for individual approval.

6. Discuss and consider approval of a contract between the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corporation and Rockwall County for emergency management services and take any action necessary.

Beaty explained that the budget associated with this contract has been amended down due to the lag time associated with getting the program off the ground and hiring the personnel. The board approved the amended budget at a previous board meeting. Now the contract needs approval.

Ed Thatcher, Heath City Manager, asked for a brief summary of how the program will benefit participating entities. Kristy Ashberry, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Rockwall explained the structure of the program again as well as the anticipated benefits to each participating entity.

* Melody made a motion to approve the contract

** Hatfield seconded the motion

*** The motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

* Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

- ** Alsup seconded the motion
- *** The motion passed unanimously

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Hear update on status of subcommittee review of EMS response times and take any action necessary.

Beaty explained that the subcommittee has met and has recommended further evaluation of a 'remote print' option as well as a 'secondary PSAP' option to improve the current EMS dispatch system. According to AT&T, a secondary PSAP would cost about \$250,000, and although money may be available through the State of Texas for such purchase and the ES Corporation would have to own the equipment, a new technology is coming online soon that would make the existing PSAP technology obsolete before it could even be put in place. So the subcommittee has decided to wait for now on both the 'remote print' and 'secondary PSAP' options. This issue will be addressed and the resolution will be incorporated into the revised EMS contract.

Steve Athey, consultant with Healthcare Visions, stated that the goal is to have the EMS contractor speak to the actual 911 caller as soon as possible. He recommended the three dispatch entities get together and develop policies to allow the caller to talk to the EMS dispatchers.

Julie Couch, Rockwall City Manager, asked if additional phone lines would be of benefit. Mitch Ownby of Rockwall County EMS, stated that they could accomplish a lot through some policy changes without having to spend a lot of money on additional equipment.

* Beaty appointed the following subcommittee to evaluate and create said policy:

Mark Moeller, Rockwall Police Chief
Harold Eavenson, Rockwall Sherriff
Chief Shelton, Royse City Police Chief
Terry Garrett, Heath Public Safety Chief
Each entity's dispatch supervisors
Mitch Ownby, Rockwall County EMS
Tim Wolf, Rockwall County EMS
and Steve Athey, Healthcare Visions

3. Hear update from Medic Rescue regarding contract compliance, audit and reports and take any action necessary.

Ownby gave a brief update on his reports, including an indication that they should be current on their billing in the next month or so. Response times are still hovering around the same as last month. They have about 92-93% response time compliance yet are experiencing an increase in call volume. Thus, they may need to add additional help on the weekends sometime soon.

Beaty asked about the anticipated impact on response times due to the SH 205 road construction. He asked if Medic Rescue has evaluated alternate response routes. Ownby indicated that they have done so informally.

Couch asked if the board can begin seeing response time reports broken down by city. Ownby stated that this may be possible as early as next month's report.

Athey indicated that the technical subcommittee that has been appointed by the board to review the current EMS contract needs direction from the board before moving forward with contract revisions and negotiations. Some of the issues that the technical subcommittee needs guidance on include 'performance security,' in case the ES Corporation fires the contractor or the contractor quits unexpectedly. If the ES Corporation had 60-90 days of money to run the EMS system, they could possibly do away with the current requirement that the contractor provide an annual audit and budget.

Guidance is also needed on Priority 1 & 2 calls as well as intercity transports. The term of the new contract is also a consideration as well as the issue of whether or not the supervisor vehicle should be able to stop the clock.

* Beaty appointed the following board members to serve on a subcommittee to assist in providing guidance to the technical subcommittee on these issues:

Stephen Straughan, City of Rockwall
Steve Hatfield, City of McClendon Chisholm
David Hill, City of Fate
Julie Couch, City of Rockwall
And Bruce Beaty, Rockwall County.

This subcommittee will meet this coming Friday, April 27th at 1:30 p.m. at Rockwall City Hall to discuss these and other issues.

4. Adjournment

* Mellody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

** Hille seconded the motion

*** The motion passed unanimously

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2007.

ATTEST:


Stephen Straughan
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC


Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC