



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Make up of Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 11, 2007 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Bruce Beaty
Bill Cecil
Chris Florance
Steve Hatfield
David Hill
Robert Hille
Jim Mellody
Stephen Straughan

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Alsup
Wanda Cooper

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 4:55 p.m.

2. Hear report from subcommittee regarding the EMS contract renewal and take any action necessary.

Rockwall Fire Chief Mark Poindexter briefed the board on one contract change to the draft contract that was e-mailed out to board members. He spoke about various subsidy and service level options for inclusion in the possible contract renewal. The board's EMS consultant, Steve Athey with Healthcare Visions, has offered that "Option 1" which maintains the current level of service seems to be a fair, good option as far as service levels and pricing are concerned.

* Mellody made a motion to accept Athey's recommendation for "Option 1"

** Cecil seconded the motion

Discussion – Cecil wanted to know how to ensure response times over the life of the five year contract period if no additional boxes are added. Tim Wolf with Medic Rescue stated that adding unit hours will allow them to handle increased calls without adding an additional box. Hill wanted to know if the board chose “Option 1” and then decided in a couple of years that it should have chosen “Option 2” instead, does the board then have the ability to modify its decision? Poindexter pointed out that it is a five year contract, and the pricing of “Option 2” today may not be the same price a few in a few years as it is today. Changes such as Hill was suggesting would likely require renegotiation of price, and both parties would have to agree.

Wolf stated that “Option 1” is the best option.

Straughan wanted to know if a supervisor vehicle stops the clock, will the arrival time of the box be reported to the board in reports? Poindexter stated that yes, it would be reported. Straughan expressed concern on the level of care when the supervisor vehicle stops the clock versus when the box stops the clock.

Hille asked if the board is making medical decisions on anything. The contract states that the board will need to approve medical protocols. How will the board do this? Poindexter stated that the board would likely call upon Steve Athey to review the protocols and offer an opinion as to if they are okay or not. The board will also ask Medic Rescue’s Medical Director, Dr. Samadi, for an opinion as well. Couch indicated that if the board would feel more comfortable having an independent medical doctor review the protocols, it could do so. Wolf stated that in the past, Steve Athey did hire an independent medical doctor to review their protocols, and that doctor found them to be acceptable and good.

Hille asked if Medic Rescue is performing drug screening of employees prior to hire. He stated that the contract shows that drug screening will be performed ‘on cause’ or twice per year or randomly, but he did not find reference to drug screening upon hire. Wolf stated that they do perform drug screening upon hire. Hille would like this added to the contract.

* Hille made a motion to accept “Option 1” with a revision to the contract that would require drug testing upon hire

** Cecil seconded the motion

*** The motion passed unanimously.

3. Discuss and consider approval of a resolution adopting the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Emergency Medical Services Program Budget and take any action necessary.

Rockwall Finance Director, Mary Smith, briefed the board on the proposed budget for “Option 1.”

* Cecil made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented using the “Option 1” budget proposal.

** Mellody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

* Melody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

** Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of July, 2007.



Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST.



Stephen Straughan
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC