



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 24, 2007 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Bruce Beaty
Bill Cecil
Steve Hatfield
David Hill
Robert Hille
Jim Melody
Stephen Straughan

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Alsup
Wanda Cooper
Chris Florance

General Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the November 29, 2006 Regular ESC Board Meeting and the January 3, 2007 Special Board Meeting and take any action necessary.

* Stephen Straughan made a motion to approve both sets of minutes.

** David Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

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

Moeller stated that the slab had been partially poured. However, rain had caused some delays. He also mentioned the he denied the change order related to the electrical line that he had mentioned at the last board meeting.

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

* Cecil made a motion to approve all invoices for payment.

** Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

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

Sinclair gave a brief treasurer's report to the board. He stated that he is still working on evaluating an accounting system to utilize for the ES Corporation, but it is likely that he will recommend utilizing the existing, internal county system. This may require an interlocal agreement of some sort, but this can be discussed at a subsequent board meeting.

6. Review and hear report on annual audit of the ES Corporation for Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2005 and take any action necessary.

Mike Conway from Conway CPAs gave a brief summary of the audit report. He stated that the Corporation is classified as a government entity due to its ability to issue tax exempt bonds. The FY 2006 audit will hopefully be ready for discussion at the March ES Corporation board meeting.

7. Discuss and consider appointing a new Secretary for the ES Corporation and take any action necessary.

Beaty stated that Scott Self's service on the board has ended. Since Self served as the board secretary, it is now necessary to appoint a new secretary to take his place.

Stephen Straughan was nominated to serve as secretary.

* Cecil made a motion to appoint Straughan as the new secretary for the ES Corporation board.

** Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

8. Other business

Julie Couch stated that revisions to the articles and bylaws of the corporation are still being worked on as is the contract for emergency management services between the County and the ES Corporation. We hope to present these items to the board for consideration very soon.

9. Adjournment

* Hatfield made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

** Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

2. Hear quarterly report from Steve Athey of Healthcare Visions regarding EMS contract and take any action necessary.

Athey gave a brief summary of Medic Rescue's financials (collections) for the last twelve months. He also briefed the board on various new and revised reports. No actions were taken.

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

Mitch Ownby, Medic Rescue, stated that it will likely be February or March before the format of the new reports will be solidified. He briefed the board on the reasons for some response delays. Hatfield expressed concern regarding long response times in the rural areas of McClendon Chisholm. Straughan asked if Fate is classified as rural and if they have first responders. Ownby indicated that they are rural and they do have first responders.

Karen Phillipe, Royse City City Manager, asked about collections. She stated that the numbers seem low. Besides sending out initial bills, what other actions does Medic Rescue take in order to increase collections? Ownby stated that Medicare gives them money and that they are not allowed to bill for more than what Medicare pays. Medic Rescue does employ a third party billing company to solicit payment and establish payment plans.

Athey stated that typically 'private pay' EMS users (those who have no insurance, no Medicare or Medicaid) make up about 16-20% of outstanding collections. Even though Medic Rescue's collections might seem low, the numbers are actually quite good compared to other collection rates he has seen.

Hille asked if the County is looking into the new Careflight program. Beaty stated that Judge Chris Florance did meet with Careflight last week, but the issue has not gone before the Commissioner's Court yet, nor has it gone before the ES Corporation board. Beaty was not sure of the advantages and disadvantages of the program, but he expressed openness to hearing the opinions of any ES Corporation board members. Beaty stated that, as best he understood, Careflight is looking to sell insurance to constituents in Rockwall County, which would require the county judge's approval and signature. Hille said that there are some good advantages to the program, and it might be worth looking into. Athey stated that it would be worth looking into but he cautioned that it should be carefully considered.

4. Other business

Beaty said that the ES Corporation board may need to appoint a committee soon to explore dispatch communication options.

5. Adjournment

* Melody made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

** Hille seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of February, 2007.


Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



Stephen Straughan
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC