

MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2006 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dennis Alsup
Wanda Cooper
Scott Self

General Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the May 10, 2006 ESC Makeup Board Meeting and take any action necessary.

* Bill Cecil made a motion to approve the minutes.

** Stephen Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

3. Hear update regarding status of the joint law enforcement gun range facility process and take any action necessary.

Julie Couch, Rockwall City Manager, indicated that the architect is moving ahead rapidly with the facility design. The plan is to bid the project in July.

Mary Smith, Rockwall Finance Director, briefed the board on the schedule. She indicated that each entity will be asked to take action to approve the final contract in late June or early July so that the project can be awarded. Couch stated that quick turnaround will be needed as the project moves forward.

4. Discuss and consider approval of payment of invoice submitted by Brinkley Sargent Architects for costs associated with design of the Rockwall County Firearms Training Facility and take any action necessary.

Couch stated that the City of Rockwall will be up fronting initial costs associated with the project, but Rockwall will want to be paid back after the bonds are issued.

Karen Phillipi, Royse City City Manager, asked if the design will include classrooms. Couch stated that classrooms will not be included in Phase I, but they may be added in the future. Couch explained that construction prices are rising and the costs of materials such as copper, concrete and steel are quickly increasing.

* Cecil made a motion to direct the City of Rockwall to pay the invoice with the understanding that the ES Corporation will pay the City back once bonds have been issued.

** Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

5. Hear update regarding status of joint countywide Emergency Management Program and take any action necessary.

Couch stated that the next step is to finalize the budget at the Corporation level and send the figures to each entity for final approval. Couch asked if the Corporation is comfortable with the program and the budget.

Lt. Davis, Rockwall county Sheriff's Office, stated that there is too much emergency management-related work for one person to handle, and grants management takes up a lot of time. Training and certain programs are mandated and need to be done, but there is currently not enough staff or resources to do these things. Better coordination and cooperation is needed throughout the county. There will be initial, upfront costs and then routine costs thereafter (i.e. salaries, travel, benefits, etc.).

Ed Thatcher, Heath City Manager, asked if each city will have its own emergency response plan. Couch indicated that no, the countywide plan will include information from each entity within the county. The plan works for the county as a whole as well as each entity within the county.

Dialogue took place regarding the types of duties that this program would supply.

* David Hill made a motion to send out the budget and resolutions to each entity for approval to participate and create a new, countywide emergency management program through the ES Corporation.

** Mellody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

Couch indicated that there will need to be a contract between the Corporation and the County outlining what is expected. Each entity should have input on this contract to ensure that what is expected is made clear.

6. Other business

Couch informed the board that the ES Corporation has been recognized by COG and has received the Regional Cooperation Award.

7. Adjournment

* At 5:37 p.m. Mellody made a motion to adjourn.

** Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

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

Mitch Ownby, Rockwall County EMS, stated that all of the normal reports have been included in board member packets. He asked if there were any questions.

Beaty asked if the board would like to move forward with Athey's report and make necessary adjustments to the contract. Couch stated that the technical subcommittee will be looking into this.

Beaty would like to hear a report from the technical subcommittee on implementation of changes suggested in Athey's report.

Straughan stated that he has heard great citizen feedback regarding services provided by Rockwall County EMS and thinks they are doing a good job.

3. Other business

No other business was discussed.

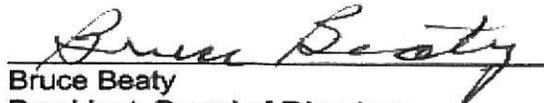
4. Adjournment

* At 5:44 p.m. Hill made a motion to adjourn.

** Mellody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 28th day of June, 2006.


Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:


Scott Self
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC