



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 25, 2006 5:00 p.m.

General Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the November 30, 2005 ESC Board Meeting.

* Bill Cecil made a motion to approve the minutes.

** Stephen Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The minutes were approved unanimously.

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

Chief Moeller, Rockwall Police Department, stated that all the entities that were expected to approve the resolution to participate in the joint gun have approved it, with the exception of Rowlett. The Rowlett City Council will be reviewing and considering the resolution at its first meeting in February.

Julie Couch, Rockwall City Manager, stated that the board should probably go ahead and consider hiring a financial advisor and bond counsel before moving forward with the joint gun range project.

4. Discuss and consider appointing a financial advisor and take any action necessary.

Couch stated that the Corporation has used Leroy Grawunder, bond counsel from Parkhurst McCall, in the past, and it may want to continue to utilize him. Furthermore, First Southwest has been asked to present a proposal to the board for financial advisor services. The construction and operations contracts will be sent back to each entity for approval soon. Leroy Grawunder has been working on gun range documents. The board will soon need to approve issuance of bonds before moving forward with the facility.

Couch explained that the Corporation should hire a financial advisor based on knowledge and expertise. Boyd London at First Southwest serves as bond counsel for the county and other entities.

* Scott Self made a motion to hire First Southwest as the Corporation's financial advisor.

** John Ratcliffe seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss and consider appointing a bond counsel and take any action necessary.

Beaty stated that he would like the County's bond counsel to look at the issue as well. Scott Self explained that he did not want to pay an attorney to get up-to-speed on an issue if another attorney is already familiar with the issues. Dennis Alsup concurred. Beaty expressed an interest in allowing competition and wanted Vincent & Elkins to take a look at the issues as well.

Scott Self again expressed that Parkhurst McCall is already familiar with the gun range documents. Therefore, it will save the Corporation money to stay with this agency.

* Self made a motion to hire Parkhurst McCall as the Corporation's bond counsel.

** Dennis Alsup seconded the motion.

** The motion passed unanimously.

6. Hear update regarding review of countywide Emergency Management Program and take any action necessary.

Kristy Ashberry, Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Rockwall, stated that the ES Corporation Board appointed a subcommittee to evaluate the idea of regionalizing emergency management duties within the county. She explained that the subcommittee had not met yet but a meeting would be set up in the next couple of weeks to discuss this issue. Once the subcommittee has met, a recommendation will be brought back to the full board for approval, hopefully at the February board meeting.

7. Other business

Couch stated that recommendations on the proposed regional Animal Adoption Center/Shelter will be brought to the full board at the February meeting.

8. Adjournment

* At 5:22 p.m., Stephen Straughan made a motion to adjourn this portion of the meeting.

** Dennis Alsup seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

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

Mitch Ownby from Medic Rescue stated that the subsidy increase previously granted by the board has helped. Cash flow is good. Royse City response times are sometimes higher. They are about a year or more away from having a station out there to handle shift changes. The average response time to Royse City is about 4 minutes; however, it is occasionally 8 minutes. Ownby indicated Medic Rescue's participation in the Rockwall Fire Department's CERT training. In December, they participated in parades and other community events.

Stephen Straughan pointed out that Fate and Heath response times in December were 7 and 8 minutes. He inquired as to how Medic Rescue is addressing these higher response times.

Ownby stated that the contract specifies the same 12 minute response time requirement for Fate as is required for the County. The board may wish to refine the response time requirements in the future as Fate and other areas grow.

Straughan wanted to address response times in the future. He suggested that ambulances may need to be placed closer to those two areas in the future since heart attacks require a quicker response time than 8 minutes. Beaty pointed out that some of this concern is addressed by Fate and Heath first responders who are not part of the ambulance service.

Ownby stated that in the future, Fate may need to move from a "county" designation to a "city" designation under the contract / response time requirements.

Jim Melody asked if response time is a factor that should warrant consideration of additional ambulances.

Ownby stated that the call volume and areas that are busier than others is typically the bigger consideration for the decision to add additional ambulances. Thoroughfares and how busy the streets are is also a consideration.

3. Discuss and consider Mutual Aid Agreement between Medic Rescue and American Medical Response (AMR) and take any action necessary.

Ownby stated that AMR is requesting that Medic Rescue consider entering into a mutual aid agreement. He felt like AMR may be making this request because the Hunt County / Farmersville / Princeton area near Royse City is closer for Medic Rescue than it is for AMR. It is about 8 minutes response time for Medic Rescue versus about

20 minutes response time for AMR. Ownby indicated that the agreement might end up being more beneficial to AMR than it is to Medic Rescue.

Kristy Ashberry, City of Rockwall Emergency Management Coordinator, suggested that the agreement not be viewed as a day-to-day operational agreement but rather a disaster-related mutual aid agreement. She also questioned if it would be more appropriate for the Corporation to enter into such agreement or if it would be most appropriate for Medic Rescue to do so. If Medic Rescue does, then one day if Medic Rescue is no longer the provider, the Corporation and/or the new provider would have to go back and resign such agreement(s).

Lieutenant David Davis, Rockwall County Sheriff's Office, stated that perhaps the Tier I and Tier II mutual aid agreements would already cover this type of mutual aid.

* Bill Cecil made a motion to have the technical subcommittee review the mutual aid issue and bring back a recommendation to the full board.

** Jim Melody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously

4. Other business

Beaty questioned circumstances related to the recent wildfires in the area. He stated that the County has 2 tanker trucks. He asked if the chiefs felt it necessary to purchase an additional tanker truck for the county. They cost about \$125,000 each.

Beaty asked the technical subcommittee to poll the other fire chiefs to get a feel for if an additional tanker truck is necessary or not. Beaty further indicated that the County-initiated burn ban is in effect indefinitely until the Commissioner's Court lifts it. This ban is reactive at this point, and no proactive action is being taken at this time. So far Rockwall County has been fortunate in that only one wildfire has recently occurred.

5. Adjournment

*At 5:55 p.m. Self made a motion to adjourn the meeting

** Straughan seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 1st day of March, 2006.



Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



Scott Self
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC