



MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

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

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Dennis Alsup
Bruce Beaty
Bill Cecil
Steve Hatfield
David Hill
Jim Melody
John Ratcliffe
Scott Self
Stephen Straughan

Board Members Absent:

Wanda Cooper

General Board Meeting

1. Call to order

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

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the March 1, 2006 ESC Board Meeting.

* Scott Self made a motion to approve the minutes.

** David Hill 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, gave an update and expressed that all entities have been sent the architectural design contract and have been given an opportunity to comment. Couch explained that, as the Corporation moves forward with the project, several necessary actions will need to occur before the end of this fiscal year.

Beaty asked if all entities need to decide on committing to a ten year payoff or a twenty year payoff.

Couch said that, yes, all participating entities must agree on a payoff timeframe. In general, board members agreed that a ten year payoff would be best.

Couch explained that the Corporation must bid the project before debt is issued. Therefore, it is necessary to quickly move forward with hiring the architect so that design can begin on the facility. Board members should plan to have a special meeting two weeks from tonight in order to move forward with signing the architectural design contract. She further stated that one or two entities may choose to carry the debt until the ES Corporation can issue it.

4. Discuss forwarding final operational and construction contracts for the law enforcement gun range facility for each participant's approval and take any action necessary.

*Self made a motion to approve the architectural contract in final form, send it to each entity for final consideration, and approve the issuance of debt for the gun range facility.

** Ratcliffe seconded the motion

*** The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other business

6. Adjournment

* Dennis Alsup made a motion to adjourn

** David Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously, and the regular board meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to order

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

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

Mitch Ownby gave a general report on response times and community activities in which Medic Rescue has been involved.

Tim Wolf briefly discussed the audit and conveyed that there is a problem with the audit as it was initially distributed. Some of the projected numbers are off by quite a bit in the net revenues line item.

Beaty asked when the Corporation should expect to see a corrected audit.

Wolf stated that Steve Athey will talk to the auditor and explain how the estimate should be done. Wolf said that the Corporation should have a corrected audit by the next board meeting.

No action was taken until a corrected audit is received by the Corporation.

3. Appointment with Steven Athey of Health Care Visions to hear report on Phase II of the EMS study and take any action necessary.

Athey reminded the board that the Phase II report is an operational audit. The report focused on systems design and operations. Athey stated that he has evaluated small EMS systems all around the country, and Medic Rescue's EMS system is a good system, one that has good owners and good patient care.

The report, he explained, does contain some areas that could be improved upon. The current contract between the ES Corporation and Medic Rescue focuses on wanting a high performance system. In the next contract, the board may want to focus more on system protection for the ES Corporation. For example, the ability for the ES Corporation to utilize Medic Rescue's assets if something abrupt were to happen and Medic Rescue was unable to perform.

Athey explained that Medic Rescue's Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) System has been ordered, and it will be a good system. Currently, all aspects of handling a 9-1-1 emergency call are being appropriately handled. Response times are very good; however, the Corporation may want to consider implementing a "100 call rule." This means that, in areas that only receive two or three calls per month, a call response time history should be built up until 100 calls have been responded to, and then a response time assessment should be made.

In the area of clinical operations, Mark Leget, the supervisor over this area, is very passionate and very good. The clinical oversight being provided by this supervisor and by the medical director is very good and is much higher than in most other EMS systems of this size. The contract language as it pertains to the Medical Director could be improved.

For the area of billing, an accounts receivable consultant has been hired by Medic Rescue, and a great improvement has been made in the area of collections. The process has improved, and collections have gone up.

A significant increase in call volume has occurred, and the average patient bill has increased by about \$10.00.

Beaty asked about increasing levels of service. At what point might Medic Rescue need to increase the number of ambulances from three to four? Increasing the number of ambulances is driven by three factors: workload, response time, and affordability. Athey conveyed that the number of ambulances can remain "as is" for now.

Steven Straughan pointed out that a lot of roads will be under construction in the County in the future. He would like to be proactive and keep this in mind each month.

Cecil gave positive feedback on Athey's report. He would like the board to consider recommendations made in the report as they relate to adjustments in the contract language.

* Cecil made a motion to appoint the technical subcommittee to review the Phase II EMS Study report and recommendations and make any necessary adjustments to the EMS service contract between Medic Rescue and the ES Corporation.

** Melody seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

Athey volunteered to help with this effort and provide input and guidance.

Cecil offered thanks to Medic Rescue for their involvement and cooperation throughout this effort.

4. Discuss and consider adjustments to Medic Rescue's subsidy and take any action necessary.

Athey recommended that the ES Corporation consider decreasing Medic Rescue's subsidy by \$5,000 per month for the remainder of this contract year as well as subsequent contract years.

* Self made a motion to decrease Medic Rescue's subsidy by \$5,000 per month for the remainder of this contract year as well as subsequent contract years.

** Cecil seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other business

Animal adoption center and countywide emergency management program documents and information have been mailed to each city manager for consideration. Each entity needs to have its governing board review and take action to express or decline interest in these two projects.

Beaty asked Medic Rescue about a recent issue with picking up a Rockwall County prisoner who was a patient at a hospital outside of Rockwall County. Wolf explained that the contract does not allow Medic Rescue to leave the County to do this. However, if there is a problem like this in the future, they would try to work it out. The contract does not permit dispatching an ambulance to pick up someone outside of the county. Medic Rescue can transport someone to places outside of the County but not pick up someone and bring them back into the County.

David Davis, Lieutenant with the Rockwall County Sheriff's Department, commented that neither the City of McKinney nor Medic Rescue would transport the patient / prisoner from McKinney to Lake Pointe Hospital. So, an officer had to be sent to McKinney, three shifts per day, in order to guard the prisoner / patient.

Beaty pointed out that Medic Rescue can bill the requesting entity for this type of non-emergency service of this happens again in the future.

6. Adjournment

* Self made a motion to adjourn.

** Hill seconded the motion.

*** The motion passed unanimously and the Special Services Board Meeting adjourned at 5:56

p.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 10th day of May, 2006.


Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



Scott Self
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC