

# COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION MINUTES



**November 30, 2005 - Regular Board Meeting**

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087

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**Board Members Present:**

Bruce Beaty  
Scott Self  
Bill Cecil  
Stephen Straughan  
Steve Hatfield  
Dennis Alsup  
David Hill  
Jim Mellody

**Board Members Absent:**

John Ratcliffe  
Wanda Cooper

**1. Call to Order**

Bruce Beaty called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

**2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the September 28, 2005 ESC Board Meeting.**

\* Scott Self made a motion to approve the minutes.

\*\* David Hill seconded the motion.

\*\*\* The motion passes 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, gave update on the status of the gun range. He said that packets of information including financial information and resolutions were mailed out to each entity in the County. Most all entities have expressed to him that the resolution will be taken to their respective councils for consideration in either December or early January.

Julie Couch, Rockwall City Manager, indicated that an update will be provided at the January board meeting as to what entities plan to participate in the gun range. She explained that the January board meeting will be an important one.

Jim Melody, from Royse City, asked if the gun range will be opened up to the public for use. Couch said no, that it will strictly be for use by law enforcement departments. Couch explained that at the next board meeting, board members will need to take several actions, including hiring a financial advisor and bond council. She stated that expenses related to the gun range would not affect each entity's budget until next year. Furthermore, debt will not be issued until the spring. Couch said that the City of Rockwall will prepare all necessary information and action items for consideration at the next ESC board meeting.

#### **4. Discuss and consider rescheduling the December board meeting.**

\* Scott Self made a motion to cancel the December board meeting.

\*\* Jim Melody seconded the motion.

\*\*\* The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Other business**

Self asked board members if there is any interest in exploring an animal adoption center / shelter on a countywide basis.

The subcommittee will include the following board members:

Scott Self, Rockwall County  
David Hill, City of Fate  
Stephen Straughan, City of Rockwall

\* Scott Self made a motion to approve these appointments and move forward with exploring the possibility of a countywide animal adoption center / shelter.

\*\* David Hill seconded the motion.

\*\*\* The motion passed unanimously

#### **6. Adjournment**

Bruce Beaty recessed the regular board meeting at 5:14 p.m.

### **Special Services Board Meeting**

#### **1. Call to order**

Beaty called the special services meeting to order at 5:14 p.m.

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

Mitch Ownby, co-owner of Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS, stated that Steven Athey has started Phase II of the evaluation of their processes and business practices. Ownby expressed that this Athey's assistance has been beneficial.

Ownby addressed some of the monthly and quarterly reports included in board members' packets. He explained that there is typically about a four month lag time on collections. He pointed out that September and October percentages had dropped quite a bit, but they have hired a new billing person and are seeking advice from the consultant, Athey, in order to bring those percentages back up. There has been a slow increase in volume. They have participated in lots of standby and community events. Response times are right at 90 percent in Royse City, and they are still trying to set up operations out of Royse City since a lot of calls seem to come in right at shift change, which currently takes place at the Rockwall station.

Melody inquired about their audit. He explained that there seems to be a lot of unclaimed services that the county supports. He asked if the County goes after non-paying EMS service users. Beaty explained that no, the County allows Medic Rescue to do all of its own collections. Beaty said the board hired Athey to offer assistance to Medic Rescue in order to help them with their operations, including their collections.

Ownby explained that they average about 66 percent on collections, and the contract requires that they maintain at least 60 percent. So, their collection rate is actually quite good at this point, and the consultant has agreed.

Beaty explained to Ownby that Medic Rescue's audit for 2005 must be done in the first quarter of 2006, either in January, February or March. Ownby expressed that he understood this requirement.

Beaty asked if any police or fire departments in the county have received complaints on their response time. All board members said they had not heard of any complaints.

Couch explained that Athey is working with Medic Rescue on phase II of his study, and it should be completed in the first quarter of 2006. Couch expressed to Ownby that he must provide Athey any information requested in a timely manner in order to stay on track with time.

**3. Other business**

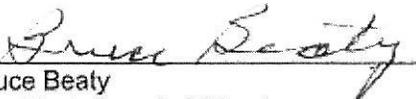
No other business was discussed.

**4. Adjournment**

Self made a motion to adjourn at 5:23 p.m.

Melody seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 25th day of January, 2006.

  
Bruce Beaty  
President, Board of Directors  
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:  
  
Scott Self  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
County of Rockwall ESC