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**MINUTES**  
**COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**  
 **EMS CORPORATION**

Rockwall County Old Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk, Rockwall, TX 75087  
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 8, 2004

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**Board Members Present:** Rob McCoy  
Shane Johnson  
Bruce Beaty  
Bill Cecil  
George McCain  
Chris Cuny (arrived at 5:10 p.m.)  
Steve Hatfield  
Scott Self  
Ken Jones (arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:**  
Wanda Cooper

1. Call to Order

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

2. Discuss & consider approval of the minutes from the December 4, 2003 regular board meeting.

**Scott Self made a motion to approve the minutes. Bill Cecil seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. Receive update from technical and regular subcommittee members regarding development of the new EMS contract proposal.

**General discussion was had concerning the following issues:**

- **The subcommittee overseeing contract negotiations met with the technical subcommittee before this meeting to begin reviewing the draft contract proposal.**
- **“Finalization” of the contract proposal by the subcommittee and technical subcommittee members will occur during the next couple of weeks so that it can be given to the full board and then to Rockwall County EMS for review and discussion**

- Reasonable length of time for service contract
  - Review of contract by each participating entity's attorney
  - Approval of contract by each participating entity's governing body
4. Continue discussions concerning the possibility of a joint gun range facility.

**Julie Couch informed the board that the Rowlett City Council discussed this issue at a recent council meeting. Royse City, Heath and Rockwall County have also discussed this issue. Julie suggested that the gun range could possibly become an effort for the EMS Corporation to oversee in the future. City of Rockwall bond counsel, Leroy Grawunder, is currently looking into how the gun range could be financed through the Corporation. However, even if it is not financed through the Corporation, perhaps it could be initiated and communicated to other entities in the County through the Corporation.**

**Scott Self inquired about the past bond election that did not pass and asked what financial part of that package was associated with the gun range. Julie Couch indicated that it was around \$1-1.5 million.**

**Julie briefly described the type of building that would likely be proposed for the gun range. She indicated that it would have training rooms as well.**

**Bruce Beaty indicated that citizens have asked if the gun range will be made available for public use as well. Julie indicated that doing so raises both a liability concern as well as a concern over day-to-day operations and associated staffing expenses. Bruce Beaty suggested that use of the gun range could perhaps be restricted to only those persons who possess a concealed handgun license. He asked if revenues generated from public use of the facility would be sufficient to offset operating costs. Julie Couch indicated that this was not likely the case. Dennis Watson suggested that operating the facility could perhaps be contracted out and then the contractor could assume liability. Shane Johnson & Bruce Beaty suggested that the range be opened up for use outside organizations such as other law enforcement agencies and the FBI. George McCain suggested that the attorney evaluate all of the "what ifs" and then report back to the Corporation.**

**Bruce Beaty suggested that a subcommittee be appointed to evaluate the gun range issue.**

**Scott Self, Chris Cuny, and George McCain volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.**

**In addition, Chief Daniels (Rowlett), Sheriff Eavenson (Rockwall County Sheriff), Chief Moeller (Rockwall), Chief Thomason (Royse City) and Chief Ure (Heath) were appointed to serve as technical subcommittee members.**

**Bruce Beaty made a motion to approve the appointment of the abovementioned persons. Ken Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

5. Other business

**Board members briefly discussed the next meeting date, which is tentatively scheduled to take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday in February.**

6. Adjournment

**Scott Self made a motion to adjourn. Chris Cuny seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.**

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2004.

  
Bruce Beaty  
President, Board of Directors  
County of Rockwall EMS Corporation

ATTEST:

  
Scott Self  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
County of Rockwall EMS Corporation

