
**MINUTES
COUNTY OF ROCKWALL**



Rockwall County Old Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk, Rockwall, TX 75087
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
June 30, 2004

Board Members Present: Bruce Beaty
Bill Cecil
Steve Hatfield
Ken Jones
George McCain
John Ratcliffe
Scott Self

Board Members Absent: Wanda Cooper
Shane Johnson
Rob McCoy

General Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Bill Cecil called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the May 27, 2004 EMS Corporation Board Meeting.

Scott Self made a motion to approve the minutes. George McCain seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 5:12 p.m., Bruce Beaty arrived, and Bill Cecil turned the meeting over to him. Bruce Beaty expressed his desire to move up item #2 of the Special Services Board Meeting. Bill Cecil made a motion to recess the general board meeting. Scott Self seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Bruce Beaty called the Special Services Board Meeting to order at 5:13 p.m.

- 2. Hear update on status of Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS audit and the EMS Service Contract and take any action necessary.**

Bruce Beaty asked Mary Smith, Finance Director for the City of Rockwall, to address the board and inform members of the status of the audit. Smith indicated that she, Julie Couch, Kristy Ashberry, John Blackwood, Bruce Beaty, Mitch Ownby, Dale Crowder, and Thomas Bailey met for one hour before the board meeting to discuss their concerns about the audit.

Julie Couch asked Medic Rescue's auditor, Thomas Bailey, to address the board and explain why the audit was submitted on a cash basis instead of accrual.

Mr. Bailey explained that they did not have records in their possession to complete the audit on an accrual basis because the company that Medic Rescue outsourced their billing to is no longer in business. They would need to have an audited accrual figure for the end of FY 02 in order to begin the audit for the following year on an accrual basis. That figure is not available to them since the company went out of business. He further explained that the scope of limitations prohibits expressing an opinion on records that are not available. Mr. Bailey also indicated that he did not know the audit had to be completed on an accrual basis. Accrual based figures are available for the period of Dec. 31, 2003 to June 30, 2004.

Bill Cecil clarified that Dec. '03 to June '04 records are available on an accrual basis, and Mr. Bailey indicated that, yes, this is indeed the case. He expressed confidence in their ability to produce an accrual based audit for the Dec. 31, 2003 to June 30, 2004 timeframe.

Bruce Beaty informed the board that Mr. Bailey had indicated that he could have the six-month accrual-based audit completed and certified within one month from now.

Bill Cecil asked the Board if a six-month audit would be acceptable.

Mary Smith indicated that since a six month was all that could be covered the six-month audit would be acceptable in her opinion.

John Blackwood, County Auditor, indicated that a cash basis does not clearly reflect information on the stability of the business. He indicated that the six-month accrual-based audit would better reflect the information the Board is seeking.

Dennis Watson, Heath City Manager, raised a question about the direction of the Board and whether the results of the audit, once completed, might result in the Board wanting to bid the service.

Bruce Beaty indicated that he wants to do business with Medic Rescue, but he is not willing to consider a contract until the audit that was requested is provided to the Board.

Steve Hatfield indicated that his larger concern was the money that Medic Rescue owes in IRS payroll debt.

Dale Crowder indicated that Medic Rescue has paid a little over \$210,000 to the IRS over the last 1 ½ years for payroll debt. They have made a settlement offer to the IRS to pay roughly \$80,000 (\$3,400 per month over the next 24 months) to settle the debt, and they are waiting to see if the IRS will accept their settlement offer. The IRS has indicated to them that they would like to see a signed contract as proof that they will be able to settle the debt before they actually approve the offer

Scott Self indicated that he felt the IRS would accept the settlement offer if the Corporation enters into the agreement with Medic Rescue. He indicated his willingness to sign the contract now because he does not feel as though an additional 6 month audit will afford him significant additional information with which to make a decision.

John Ratcliffe expressed that he would like to hear from Bruce Ure, Heath Public Safety Director. Bruce Ure indicated that he would like to see an audited, accrual based audit.

Several Board members indicated a desire to continue working with Medic Rescue as the provider.

There was discussion about the length of time necessary to conduct the 6 month audit.

Bruce Beaty informed Mr. Crowder, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Ownby that lines of communication between themselves, Mary Smith and John Blackwood need to be kept open during this process.

Bruce Beaty made a motion to approve the contract with Medic Rescue contingent upon the delivery of a complete accrual-based audit for Jan 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004 for the Board's consideration. Once the audit is complete, a special meeting will be called thereafter.

Ken Jones seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Scott Self moved to adjourn the Special Services Board Meeting. Steve Hatfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously . This portion of the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

At 5:39 p.m., Bruce Beaty called the General Board Meeting back to order.

3. Hear update from Julie Couch regarding the law enforcement gun range facility and take any action necessary.

Julie Couch gave an update on the status of the proposed gun range facility. She indicated that the City of Rockwall bond counsel received an answer from the Attorney General, and the Corporation can indeed issue debt for this purpose. However, they are still investigating the land issue. She indicated that a technical subcommittee meeting has not been held yet, but that one is planned for next week. Subcommittee members were asked to remain present at the close of the board meeting so that a meeting time could be agreed upon. After the subcommittee meets, those members will return to the full Board to give an update and make recommendations for moving forward.

4. Hear update from Bruce Beaty regarding an official logo for the County of Rockwall Emergency Services Corporation and take any action necessary.

Bruce Beaty moved onto item #4 on the agenda (concerning the logo for the corporation). The item was tabled until the next board meeting.

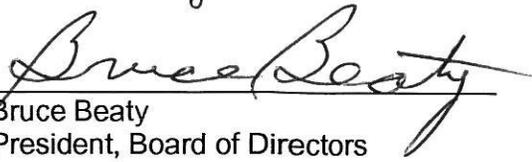
5. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

6. Adjournment

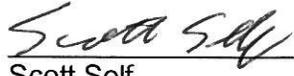
Scott Self made a motion to adjourn the general Board meeting. George McCain seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 5th day of August, 2004.



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

ATTEST:



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

