

MINUTES

COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

August 5, 2004, 4:00 p.m. - Special Board Meeting

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087

Board Members Present:

Scott Self
Cindy Rushing
Bill Cecil
Steve Hatfield
George McCain
Bruce Beaty
John Ratcliffe

Board Members Absent:

Rob McCoy
Ken Jones
Wanda Cooper

General Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Bruce Beaty called the general board meeting to order at 4:26 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider approval of the minutes from the June 30, 2004 EMS Corporation Board Meeting.

* Bruce Beaty made a motion to approve the minutes.

** George McCain seconded the motion.

*** They were approved unanimously.

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

Julie Couch indicated that the subcommittee met to discuss the gun range. Leroy Grawunder, Bond Counsel for the City of Rockwall, also researched the issue and worked with the State Attorney General's office. It has been determined that the Corporation can in fact issue debt to pay for the facility. Couch also indicated that the three Corporation Board members who served on the subcommittee for this topic (George McCain, Scott Self, and John Ratcliffe) are in agreement with moving forward

on this issue. All agencies who would likely participate in this effort either attended a field trip to or reviewed information on the Lewisville gun range facility, which is an indoor/outdoor facility. The subcommittee recommended moving forward.

George McCain expressed his appreciation for the Police Chiefs who did the research on the facility. He thought the taxpayers would get a better use of their tax dollars by participating in this joint venture and sharing the cost.

George McCain, Scott Self, and John Ratcliffe recommended moving forward.

Mary Smith handed out a preliminary financing scenario, broken down by jurisdiction. This scenario reflected the cost that Lewisville paid for their gun range facility. Mary explained that this cost allocation was based on the authorized strength of each entity's department and the corresponding officer ratio. She indicated that the scenario calls for \$1.7 - \$1.9 million to be re-paid over the course of 10 years, which would cover the design and construction of the facility. The debt would not actually be issued until FY 2006, and annual debt service payments would be made. The land for the proposed facility is owned by the City of Rockwall, and the Corporation would lease it from the city on a long-term basis.

Couch explained that the city could not sell land to the Corporation without bidding it at a public auction, so it would need to be leased from the city. Lease payments would be factored into the annual debt payment.

Mary Smith expressed that there would be minor operation expenses, for example water and electricity, associated with the facility, but each entity would be responsible for providing its own gun range master while utilizing the facility.

Bill Cecil asked if the facility could be opened for public use. George McCain indicated that no, a facility such as the one being considered would not be set up for public use, but the Corporation may recover some of its costs by renting out the facility to other law enforcement agencies.

Couch indicated that she anticipates a lot of interest from outside law enforcement agencies.

Bruce Beaty asked if liability is an issue for public use.

George McCain explained that it would not be configured for public use.

Cindy Rushing inquired if private corporations, such as security companies who require certifications, would be able to utilize the facility.

George McCain indicated that he did not know, but he imagined that it would be filled to capacity already with the participating cities and other law enforcement agencies.

Couch indicated that if it were opened up for public use, it would have to be set up differently. It would have to be staffed, and the design would need to be different.

Bruce Beaty asked if each entity could pay cash instead of issuing debt for the facility.

Leroy Grawunder indicated that yes, it could be structured such that an entity could pay cash. Additionally, it could perhaps be set up to where an entity could either pay cash or issue debt, but ratios may vary from year to year. If debt is issued, there must be a minimum dollar amount established. The structure should be negotiated so that it is fair to all parties involved.

George McCain asked if council action could be taken to obtain a good bond rating.

Leroy Grawunder indicated that if the Corporation issues Contract Revenue Bonds, each entity would have ad valorem tax dollars behind the bonds. Bonds coupled with an ad valorem tax structure would protect against the affects of a jurisdiction backing out. He suggested that a committee be formed to do the needed legwork. By-laws need be drafted and taken before the full board for discussion and consideration, the ideas need to be reviewed by each member city, and bonded debt needs be issued. The committee would further help with the details of how the facility should operate.

Grawunder expressed that a financing structure involving bonds and taxes would result in the best interest rate. The other option would be to have a company construct the facility and then lease it out to the Corporation on a lease to purchase agreement.

Couch indicated that each board member should be discussing these issues with their respective entity.

George McCain asked if all the financial legwork would be done by the special committee, and Couch indicated that yes it would.

George McCain asked if they should first have more financial information available before board members take the idea to their respective entity.

Julie Couch expressed that at this point that is not necessary since expressing interest would not lock a jurisdiction into participating in this venture.

** Bill Cecil made a motion to accept the recommendation of the subcommittee to solicit interest from the county and member cities of the corporation and move forward.*

*** George McCain seconded the motion.*

**** It passed unanimously.*

Julie Couch indicated that she would prepare a narrative reflecting the history and proposal so that each board member can then take the proposal to his/her council.

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 passed out the sample letterhead with corrections from the last time it was presented. Discussion was had concerning the acronym for the corporation. It

was determined that the acronym should be "ESC," which stands for Emergency Services Corporation, instead of "EMS." Everyone agreed.

** Bill Cecil made a motion to approve the logo and letterhead.*

*** John Ratcliffe seconded the motion.*

**** It passed unanimously.*

5. Other Business

Bruce Beaty inquired about the date of the next board meeting. The next board meeting was set for the 4th Thursday in August (August 26th) at 5 p.m.

6. Adjournment

** Scott Self made a motion to adjourn.*

*** John Ratcliffe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.*

**** The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.*

Special Services Board Meeting

1. Call to Order

Bruce Beaty called the Special Services Board Meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

2. Discuss & consider the Medic Rescue/Rockwall County EMS audit and the EMS Service Contract and take any action necessary.

Bruce Beaty asked Mary Smith, City of Rockwall Finance Director, to brief the board on the six-month accrual-based audit submitted by Medic Rescue and let the board know if the audit is satisfactory.

Mary Smith indicated that the audit does meet the conditions set forth by the board.

John Blackwood, County Auditor, expressed the desire for Medic Rescue to submit a second audit to the board in six months and then annually thereafter.

Steve Hatfield inquired about the status of monies owed to the IRS and Medic Rescue's payment plan.

Mitch Ownby, Vice President Medic Rescue, indicated that it would likely be a year before the IRS accepts the settlement offer they have submitted. Medic Rescue has been making good faith payments, and they have no reason to believe that the IRS will not accept the compromise offer. It is now in the hands of a compromise specialist at the IRS. Mitch indicated that the audit they submitted reflects payment amounts made thus far, but no further payments will be made for one year.

Mary Smith requested that Medic Rescue submit a copy of the request for settlement and any associated paperwork.

John Blackwood inquired if the debt would be paid in installments.

Mitch indicated that yes, the debt would be repaid over a two-year period with payments starting up again in one year.

** Scott Self made a motion to approve the contract.*

*** Bill Cecil seconded the motion.*

**** It passed unanimously.*

Ownby asked about the effective date and indicated that the company would need a few days to obtain worker's compensation insurance.

Bruce Beaty requested that Medic Rescue submit the IRS letter and related information to the board within 10 days.

3. Other Business

No other business was discussed.

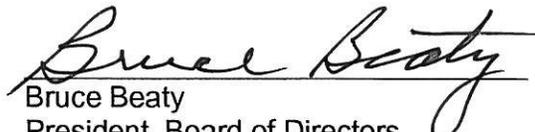
4. Adjournment

** Bruce Beaty made a motion to adjourn the Special Services Board Meeting at 4:26 p.m.*

*** Bill Cecil seconded the motion.*

**** It passed unanimously.*

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 26th day of August, 2004.


Bruce Beaty
President, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

ATTEST:



Scott Self
Secretary, Board of Directors
County of Rockwall ESC

