

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

Rockwall County Old Historic Courthouse, 101 E. Rusk, Rockwall, TX 75087  
5:00 p.m. Regular Meeting  
December 4, 2003

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**Board Members Present:** Scott Self  
Bill Cecil  
Steve Hatfield  
George McCain  
Rob McCoy  
Bruce Beaty (arrived at 5:15 p.m.)  
Ken Jones (arrived at 5:25 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent:** Shane Johnson  
Wanda Cooper  
Chris Cuny

1. Call to Order

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

2. Discuss & consider approval of the minutes from the October 23, 2003 regular meeting.

**This item was discussed out of order, after item #4 was discussed. George McCain made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Self seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.**

3. Receive update from the technical subcommittee regarding negotiations and provisions associated with developing a new EMS service contract

**This item was addressed out of order, after the library system was discussed.**

**Julie Couch gave a brief update on contract negotiations. The technical subcommittee has already met with Rockwall County EMS to discuss some contract-related issues. The technical subcommittee consists of Julie Couch, Ricky Bell, Dennis Watson, Bruce Ure, Mark Poindexter, and Connie Goodwin. Bruce Ure gave an update and explained that several contracts have been obtained for use as a basis for drafting a new contract proposal. He anticipated that the technical committee will have a draft proposal ready for the subcommittee to review sometime in the next few weeks. At that time, the subcommittee will make any necessary adjustments to the proposal, which will then be presented to the full board for action.**

**Dennis Watson addressed some concerns about the current provider expressed in the last meeting. The IRS debt is not a concern of the technical subcommittee. Lewis Crane (independent auditor) spoke with Rockwall County EMS and reported that converting the company's existing cash records to an accrual system so that they can be audited will not be difficult and should not be a concern for the Corporation.**

**Scott Self reported that the County D.A. has recommended that the existing month-to-month contract remain in place until a new contract is developed, at which time the new contract will take effect and the existing month-to-month contract will be made to expire.**

**4. Other business**

- a. Hear report from Scott Self regarding planning for county-wide library system**

**This item was addressed out of order and was the first item discussed on the agenda. Scott Self spoke about a library corporation to address the needs of the current county library system. He suggested that the library corporation be structured in a similar fashion to the EMS Corporation so that it consists of representatives from each governing body in the county, as well as representatives from the school district and the library board. He pointed out that the corporation could be utilized as both a planning tool and a funding mechanism. He asked each of the EMS Corporation board members to take the idea of forming such corporation back to their respective governing bodies for discussion.**

**Cathy Melston, county librarian, spoke briefly about the library board's strategic plan and their desire to form some sort of county library association.**

**It was suggested that elected officials be brought together to discuss addressing the problems associated with the current library system.**

**A letter will be sent out in January to announce a countywide organizational meeting to discuss forming the library corporation/association. The letter will be sent out to local elected officials, the school district, the library board, and city managers/administrators.**

- b. Joint gun range facility**

**Julie Couch discussed the possibility of building a gun range facility for joint use by the cities in Rockwall County, including Rowlett. She briefly explained existing or upcoming problems/challenges associated with existing**

gun ranges in the area. She notified board members that Rowlett would be discussing the possibility of participating in this joint venture in one of their upcoming meetings. She simply informed everyone about this topic.

5. Adjournment

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004.



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

ATTEST:



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

