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## MINUTES

### COUNTY OF ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION

ROCKWALL HISTORIC COURTHOUSE 101 EAST RUSK ROCKWALL, TEXAS 75087 972-204-6000

#### Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 5:00 p.m.

#### GENERAL BOARD MEETING

##### Board Members Present:

Barry Brooks (Heath)  
Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)  
Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)  
Lorne Megyesi (Fate)  
Janet Nichol (Royse City)  
David Sweet (Rck. County)  
David Billings (Fate)

##### Board Members Absent:

Debby Bobbitt (Rowlett)  
Nathan Hodges (McLendon Chisholm)  
Dana Lawson (Mobile City)  
Dennis Lewis (Rockwall) (arrived  
at 5:05 during ambulance mtg.)

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#### GENERAL BOARD MEETING

1. Call to order

Board President, David Sweet, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

2. Discuss / act on approval of the Sept. 28, 2016 regular ES Corp. board meeting minutes

Board Member Sevier moved to approve the minutes. Board Member Billings seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Lewis, Bobbitt, Hodges and Lawson absent).

3. Discuss / act on ES Corp. Treasurer's Report

David Peek, Treasurer of the ES Corp., provided a verbal report to the Corporation, briefing members on bank account balances as well as payments made to and by the Corporation. He reminded everyone that the debt on the law enforcement training facility has been recently paid off, so the Corporation is now debt free. He indicated that an audit of the ESC will likely be scheduled in January with a report expected by March. Following Mr. Peek's comments, Board Member Nichol moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Board Member Pruitt seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those present (Lewis, Bobbitt, Hodges and Lawson absent).

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50 4. Discuss / act on the Emergency Management program report  
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52 **Sweet reminded everyone about the mock disaster (Emergency Management)**  
53 **exercise that is planned on Veteran’s Day (Nov. 11) as well as the Nov. 18 meeting**  
54 **that is scheduled to be held with volunteer and donations management**  
55 **organizations as well as mayors from various cities in the county. He stated that**  
56 **the mayor of Rowlett will be speaking at the meeting.**  
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58 5. Adjournment  
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60 **Sweet adjourned this portion of the meeting at 5:05 p.m.**  
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64 **AMBULANCE SERVICES BOARD MEETING**

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66 **Board Members Present:**

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68 **Barry Brooks (Heath)**  
69 **Jim Pruitt (Rockwall)**  
70 **Dennis Lewis (Rockwall) (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)**  
71 **Cliff Sevier (Rck. County)**  
72 **Lorne Megyesi (Fate)**  
73 **Janet Nichol (Royse City)**  
74 **David Sweet (Rck. County)**  
75 **David Billings (Fate)**  
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66 **Board Members Absent:**

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69 **Nathan Hodges (McLendon Chisholm)**  
70 **Dana Lawson (Mobile City)**  
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78 1. Call to order  
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80 **President of the ES Corp., David Sweet, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.**  
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82 **Board Member Dennis Lewis arrived at this time.**  
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84 2. Discuss / act on monthly reports from Medic Rescue related to EMS contract  
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87 **Mitch Ownby of Medic Rescue came forth and briefed the board on monthly**  
88 **reports for September, including involvement in community events, monthly**  
89 **billing information and response time compliance. Board Member (Mayor)**  
90 **Megyesi of Fate pointed out that there was a delayed EMS call to Fate that may**  
91 **have been as long as a 22 minute response time. He stated that Medic Rescue**  
92 **believes it was less than 22 minutes; however, it is currently being looked into by**  
93 **Mr. Ownby and his staff. Megyesi commented that a 15 minute response time for**  
94 **Priority 2 calls to Fate, which now has a population of 11,000 people, is not okay,**  
95 **suggesting that this needs to be reconsidered. Board Member Lewis of Rockwall**  
96 **indicated that Medic Rescue did reply back to him with additional information**  
97 **concerning a delayed response time associated with a Sept. 12 incident / call in**  
98 **Rockwall. He thanked Mr. Ownby for the information and mentioned that he has**  
99 **no further comment at this time.**

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101 **The board took no action as a result of this discussion item.**  
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- 103 3. Recess public meeting to hold Executive Session under Section 551.071 of  
104 Texas Government Code to discuss the following: Pursuant to Section  
105 551.071(2) of the Open Meetings Act:  
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107 *Consultation with attorney with regard to a matter that it is the duty of the attorney to*  
108 *consult with the ES Corporation pursuant to the Attorney Client Privilege under the*  
109 *Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas and*  
110 *regarding legal advice concerning the current and proposed contract for EMS*  
111 *(ambulance) transportation services.*  
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113 **Sweet gave indication that the board will not be recessing the public meeting to**  
114 **convene in Executive Session after all – that all discussion for the remainder of**  
115 **the meeting will take place in the public forum.**  
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- 117 4. Reconvene public meeting, and take any action as a result of Executive Session.  
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119 **The board did not recess into Ex. Session.**  
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- 121 5. Discuss / act on a "request for proposals" (RFP) document to solicit bids for a  
122 countywide ambulance services contract  
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124 **Sweet gave indication that a draft letter has been circulated among board**  
125 **members that may be utilized for public communication concerning the ES**  
126 **Corporation's ambulance service contract negotiations and plans to move forward**  
127 **with an RFP process. After brief comments and suggested changes from Board**  
128 **Member Billings of Fate, Board Member Megyesi moved to approve the**  
129 **correspondence with Billings' changes being incorporated. Board Member**  
130 **Brooks of Heath seconded the motion, which passed unanimously of those**  
131 **present (Hodges and Lawson absent). Sweet stated that the approved version of**  
132 **this "open letter" will be placed on ES Corp. "letter head" and distributed to board**  
133 **members by tomorrow, indicating that board members are welcome to circulate it**  
134 **/ share it as they see fit.**  
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136 **Lengthy discussion then ensued concerning a draft RFP document distributed by**  
137 **Grant Brenna, legal counsel to the ES Corporation. Various board members**  
138 **shared comments concerning different sections of the draft RFP, and numerous**  
139 **suggested changes / modifications were vocalized. Mr. Brenna asked for any and**  
140 **all comments to be emailed to him (as well as carbon copied "cc'd" to Assistant**  
141 **Board Secretary, Kristy Cole) so that suggested changes could be made to the**  
142 **document and a new, updated version presented for consideration at the**  
143 **November board meeting. Mr. Brenna shared that he is checking on bidding**  
144 **requirements that may be applicable to the Corporation (i.e. newspaper**  
145 **advertisement / publication requirements). Mrs. Cole suggested that the ES**  
146 **Corporation consider creating a webpage on Rockwall County's website where ES**  
147 **Corporation agendas and other informational material, such as RFP documents**  
148 **and information, could be posted for the public.**  
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150 General discussion took place concerning how RFP replies may potentially be  
151 "scored," how the ES Corporation will have assurances that a potential  
152 respondent is solvent.

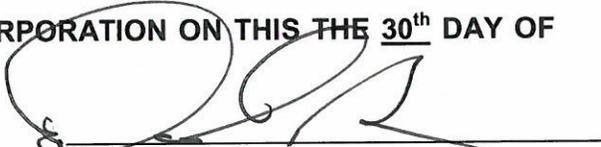
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154 Board Member Megyesi shared that he wants to be very sure that there are no  
155 conflicts of interest on the part of any elected official / board member of the ES  
156 Corporation and that there be no "appearance" of any conflicts of interest. Board  
157 Member Pruitt of Rockwall vocalized that if someone believes there is a conflict of  
158 interest, the person should bring this to the board's attention immediately. He  
159 shared that he has heard some recent chatter that there may be individuals who  
160 feel that Board Member Lewis (of Rockwall) may have a conflict of interest due to  
161 his wife being employed as a nurse at one of the local hospitals. Both Pruitt and  
162 Lewis shared that consultation with the City of Rockwall's attorney has transpired,  
163 and Lewis has been assured by the attorney that he in fact does not have any sort  
164 of conflict of interest. Sweet indicated that neither he nor Board Member Sevier  
165 has any sort of conflict of interest. Board Member Billings encouraged everyone  
166 to go the extra mile to be sure that this RFP process is completely fair, open and  
167 clear and that it is free from any misunderstandings, bias or perception of bias.

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169 Sweet asked all board members to submit any comments concerning the draft  
170 RFP to Mr. Brenna on or before this Friday. He went on to indicate that the ES  
171 Corporation will have one last regular meeting for the 2016 year, and it will take  
172 place on Wednesday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m. Sweet then allowed an  
173 opportunity for each board member to introduce themselves publicly (as there  
174 were several people in attendance in the audience during the meeting).

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176 6. Adjournment

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178 Sweet adjourned the meeting at 6:08 p.m.

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181 PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
182 ROCKWALL EMERGENCY SERVICES CORPORATION ON THIS THE 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF  
183 November, 2016.

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186 David Sweet  
187 County Judge and President, County of  
188 Rockwall ESC Board of Directors

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190 ATTEST:

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192 Kristy Cole  
193 Assistant Secretary, Board of Directors -  
County of Rockwall ESC

