

Minutes
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Summit Fire & EMS Authority
Monday, April 1, 2019 10:00 a.m.
Buffalo Mountain Room County Commons, Frisco, CO

Call to Order:

The special meeting of the Summit Fire & EMS Authority ("Authority") Board of Directors ("Board") was called to order at 10:03 AM.

Roll Call:

Board members present were Jim Cox, David Steele, Lori Miller, and Jim Lee. Board member Ben Broughton was not present. Staff members in attendance were Chief Jeff Berino, Deputy Chief Bruce Farrell, Interim Deputy Chief Travis Davis, and Finance Manager Mary Hartley.

Summit County attendees included County Commissioners Thomas Davidson, Karn Stiegelmeier, and Elisabeth Lawrence, County Manager Scott Vargo, County Assistant Manager Sarah Vaine, Ambulance Director Jaime Woodworth, Finance Director Martina Ferris, and Deputy Clerk Lori Dwyer.

Guests:

Bryan Webinger, District Manager, Copper Mountain Consolidated Metro District
Jen Barchers, Lake Dillon Fire Protection District Board Member

EMS Service Delivery:

In a roundtable discussion, the Authority Board, Authority staff, County Commissioners, and County staff discussed the potential impacts and considerations of the County transferring its ambulance services to the Authority, including but not limited to:

- Background
- Timeline
- Potential issues if transfer does not occur
 - Quality of service
 - Current staffing levels
 - Stress to current staff
- Future changes to Board of County Commissioners and whether it is reasonable to expect new Commissioners to support ambulance funding
- Control of ambulance licensing
- How to address the funding gap
 - Support from Summit County
 - Funding question – District or County
 - Timing
- Continued County support of ambulance service

The Authority Board and Board of County Commissioners expressed support for transferring the ambulance service to the Authority and a desire to move forward managerially by July 1, 2019, with the transfer to be completed by January 1, 2020.

County Manager Scott Vargo made the following suggestions to facilitate the transfer process:

- Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) to be drafted
 - Input from both the Summit County and Authority attorneys

Commissioner Davidson made the following suggestions to facilitate moving forward:

- Question & answer sessions for staff
- Funding gap – research options, timing, public support

County Assistant Manager Sarah Vaine noted that a press release should be created.

Authority Chief Jeff Berino stated that he and Summit County Ambulance Director Jamie Woodworth will collaborate on a memo to be sent to staff announcing the upcoming transfer of ambulance services.

Adjournment:

M/S/P Miller and Lee to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Vote: All in favor, none opposed.



Mary Hartley, Board Secretary

Approved this 16th day of April 2019



Jim Cox, President