

Southern Teller County Health Services District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
700 North A Street, Cripple Creek, CO 80813
February 20, 2024

Call to Order: David Schoenberger, Chair, called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Board members present: David Schoenberger, Pat Martin, Lawrence Cowan, and Tammy Bruntz. Also in attendance was Eric Murray, Ron Barker and Steve Barry.

Amend Agenda: David moved to adopt agenda as amended; Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.

Construction Update: Ron Barker provided the board members in attendance a tour of the ambulance bays construction to date. Construction is moving along currently ahead of schedule and expected completion date is April, 2024.

Open Public Comments: Mr. Steve Barry provided the Board with an update on the outcome of 2023 memorial ride and provided the District with a thank you presentation gift in honor of the donation made to support the event. Discussed the possible need for the 2024 memorial ride

Minutes: David read and Pat moved to approve the January 16, 2024 meeting minutes as written, Lawrence seconded. Minutes were passed as written.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer presented BOD January 31 Balance Sheet and Income Statement. Pat moved to accept and approve Treasurer's Report and payment of bills presented (Special Services District \$1237.50, Colorado Springs Gazette \$51.36 and Ireland Stapleton \$3053); Lawrence seconded. Passed unanimously.

Old Business

Amended and Restated Service Plan, - Tabled until completed by Ireland Stapleton.

New Business

There was some discussion about the website accessibility and Eric mentioned that the EMS page was updated and that work will continue on the District page completion is not required until July 2025. Accessibility to Board meetings was also discussed and also is not required until July 2025, however, no one believed that if a request was made that access would be an issue and would be available.

Eric provided the board with several quotes for repair and replacement of the damaged boilers and thermostats. Quotes were obtained from Altitude Plumbing. Boiler replacement would cost a total of \$56,543 and thermostats a total of \$15,500, for a total of \$72,043. David moved to approve the repair/replacements and Lawrence seconded. Passed unanimously.

EMS Report

- In January EMS had 146 calls: 45 transports, and 3 helicopter transfers. In January 2023 we had 94 calls, 39 transports, and 2 helicopter transfers, which is a 55% increase in calls in 2024. The Ice Castles still don't seem to have a large impact on call volume.
- Charges billed in January were \$103,678.00. Payments received \$32,121.81. Adjustments made were \$78,645.44.
 - The supervisor vehicle's roof was repaired, and the new metal was put over the car port behind the dining room. All hail repairs are completed.
 - UC Health has presented one option for a Medical Director, Dr. Sean Keenan. Eric had a phone conversation explaining what we do and do not want to see from a Medical Director. Dr. DeWall said the new Medical Director could use his guidelines for the first few months until they have their own established.

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- The part-time employee that we were going to hire for a full-time community paramedic position took a full-time job with UPAD. UPAD will provide a community paramedic at least through June, so we have more time for establishing a program. The Community Needs Assessment is still in progress.
- The participants of the Bear Trap Mitigation project received the Colorado Emergency Management Association's 2023 Public/Private Partnership Award. This included our agency.
- One of our crews was transporting a pregnant woman to Memorial North Hospital last night, and accidentally went to Children's Hospital, which is right next door. The patient had to be transferred to Memorial North Hospital, which is attached to Children's through a walkway. Eric is going to request the Children's Hospital E.R. bill and pay it so the patient doesn't have to pay for our mistake.

Old Business:

- Eric decided not to submit an EMTS Provider Grant, because there were more important things to work on, and the item would have been for the new ambulance that we won't have for a long time. Next year he will submit the same item on the grant.
- Paychex said it is taking the IRS approximately 12-18 months to process the ERTC, and it was submitted in October 2023. That would be October 2024 to April 2025 before we will probably see any money.
- Eric and Tammy received the final audit report.
- Service Plan: Tammy finished the 2023 budget to actual report and provided the 2024 budget for the Service Plan. Emily planned on updating the Service plan with that information and sending that today for Board approval, but she was not able to access her files remotely. She will send that to Eric within a week and the Board can vote on accepting the updated Service Plan during the March meeting.

New Business:

- Front Range Clinic provides medication assisted treatment for those addicted to drugs and alcohol, and currently do those treatments in a bathroom at the Aspen Mine Center. James McLaughlin asked if we would be willing to provide a space for them each Thursday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., instead of doing it out of a bathroom. We can let them use the walk-in exam room. Since it isn't a dedicated room, Eric asked if we could do it rent free. Lawrence moved to approve usage, Pat seconded. Passed unanimously.
- One of the boilers froze during the arctic cold front last month because it was turned off and it sits right in front of three vent openings. It is probably out of service for good, but it is only used for hot water for the laundry room, and everyone has been washing laundry in cold water since we moved into the building. Ron installed a new vent fan and will move one of the vent openings so there won't be as much cold air coming in. Altitude Plumbing came out to do preventative maintenance on the other boilers. They discovered the domestic water boiler had a significant problem but were able to use parts from the bad boiler to fix it where it is operational. One of the two boilers for the building heat is not working. They priced out replacing those two boilers, compared to repairing them because they are already beyond their useful life. There is an 18" vent cap on the roof that is missing and allows rain and snow to go straight into those two boilers and ruined the venting from the boilers. They are also pricing out replacing most of the boiler venting. They did not work on the other boiler for the heat because they wanted to ensure the other one is working first (we only use one at a time). The cost for replacing the two boilers, two recirculating pumps, and fixing leaky pipes is \$55,188.00. For them to replace the inoperable pneumatic thermostats with an electric thermostat system, the cost is \$15,500.00. The current pneumatic thermostats don't work, so the heat is always on high when the boilers are on. Eric proposed delaying purchasing a community paramedic vehicle and trying to completely fund the community paramedic program through grants to pay for these items. See above for vote on this subject.

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- The stereo does not work on the supervisor and is out of warranty. The stereo includes the display for the backup camera and some of the other safety features, and the display does not work at all. Eric asked if we could have a new one installed for \$1,776.45, including installation. Lawrence moved to approve repairs and Pat seconded. Passed Unanimously.
- Update on the EMS building
 - Dave continues to install ceiling tiles, and we still hope to have those completed soon.
 - Station monitoring still needs to be installed.
 - The TV Room needs the doors installed.
 - The transparent door and wall are in and need some finish work completed.
 - Ron finished the Board table but may add different legs eventually.
 - The trim above the flooring needs installed.
 - The new bays are supposed to be completed on April 24.

Reimbursements requested:

1. WD Construction, \$195,158.07.
2. R&B Construction, three invoices totaling \$7,810.50.

Lawrence motioned to approve transfer mill levy funds, Pat seconded. Passed Unanimously.

Final Matters: - None.

Adjourn:

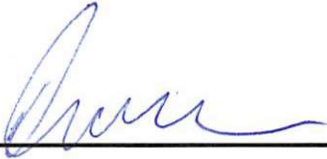
David moved to adjourn meeting at 8:13 pm; Lawrence seconded. Approved and passed.

Next regular board meeting will be held on March 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at Cripple Creek Care Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Tammy Bruntz
Jo Ann Kincaid, Secretary

Accepted:



David Schoenberger, Chairman of the Board As Written As corrected