

Southern Teller County Health Services District

700 North A Street, Cripple Creek, CO 800813

August 20, 2024

Call to Order: David Schoenberger, Chair called meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Roll Call: Board members present are David Schoenberger, Pat Martin, Tammy Bruntz, Katelynn Brown and Barb Hoyt. Lawrence Cowan was remote. Also in attendance was Eric Murray and Ronald Barker was remote.

Amenda Agenda: Approve reimbursement for Tammy for the SDA conference; change next meeting date to September; add record keeping under New Business. David moved to have it added and Tammy seconded, passed.

Minutes from last meeting (July minutes): David made a motion to approve the minutes and Pat seconded, passed.

Open to public comments: None

Construction Update: Ronald Barker was remote giving us update. Jefferson County still assisting in trying to get everything passed, almost done. Sprinkler system needs to be updated, waiting for estimates on cost, a lot of the sprinkler heads are out of date. Adding more grit to floor. Working on trim to hold the rock in on the landscaping.

District Business:

Treasurer's Report Attached

David moved to accept treasurer's report and Pat seconded, passed.

Tammy will be attending SDA conference September 10-12, 2024 (Small(special) District Association), the cost was \$175. Pat moved to pay back Tammy for the conference and Katelynn seconded the motion, passed.

Construction Invoices and Reimbursements totaling \$143,257.67.

Tammy moved to approve payment and David seconded, passed.

Old Business/New Business/EMS Report:

Old Business: Hail damage – see EMS report; will talk about how we want to handle repairing the roof, hold on to money to replace roof at a later time, put money in CD to collect interest and add so much per year to cover inflation or replace roof now.

Ratify Gaming Impact Grant: Tammy made a motion to ratify gaming impact grant to \$635,116.30 and Katelynn seconded, passed.

Website: may be up and running in a month and website will list 24 months of minutes on it.

New Business:

Initiatives 50 and 108 : sending a letter to Governor Polis, Speaker McCluskie and President Fenberg from each board member letting them know that we do not agree with initiatives #50 and #108. (example letter attached)

Record Keeping: Trying to get up to date on all records, lawyer will follow up on what we need and will even attend a meeting to go over it all.

EMS Report:

**Aug 2024 EMS Board Report
Jul Financials/Notes**

Construction invoices/Reimbursements:

1. Skr+co, \$7,000 (if the District will pay 50%), (audit)
2. Ron Barker, \$155.77 (bays construction)
3. Stryker Sales, \$61,467.88 (Power Load & cot for ambulance that is on order)
4. Skr+co, \$4,000 (if the District will pay 50%), (audit)
5. Streamline \$250 (if the District will pay 50%), (new combined website)
6. WD Construction, \$70,384.02 (bays construction)

Total reimbursements: \$143,257.67

Old Business:

- **Hail Damage Update:** We did not do a claim on any of the district's vehicles, but there were claims on four of the employee's vehicles. The building roofs were evaluated by Trout Roofing and an appraiser provided by the insurance company. They both feel the roof should be replaced on the building, including the new bays building. Mike Dunn worked for a roofing company for eight years and recommended we put the money we receive from the insurance company in the bank and replace it in the future, because the chances of it leaking any time soon are slim. Eric talked with the insurance company who said some companies will do that, but the roofing prices will increase.
- **Ratify Gaming Impact Grant:** Eric submitted the Gaming Impact Grant for \$635,116.30, instead of \$581,741.22 that the Board approved during the July meeting.
- **Website:** Eric contracted with Streamline to create and maintain a combined website that will meet the website accessibility requirements. The new website is [Southern Teller County Health Services District \(specialdistrict.org\)](https://www.southern-teller-county-health-services-district.org), but stchsd.com and swtcems.org will still navigate to this site, once it is operational.

EMS Report:

Financials:

- In July EMS had 139 calls, 42 transports, and 5 helicopter transfers. In 2023 there were 143 calls in July.
- Charges billed in June were \$115,840.00. Payments received \$35,240.71. Adjustments made were \$63,120.82.
- One of our full-time paramedics is taking a full-time job with Falcon Fire and will remain a part-time employee. We will hire a paramedic from our part-time list to fill the open full-time position. Yesterday we hired another part-time paramedic.
- Eric needs a bio from Katelyn, Tammy, and Barb, and a picture for the website.
- Tammy submitted the audit report to the State.
- We are hosting a car seat check event on August 25, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.
- We are hosting a blood drive on September 6, 11:00 am – 3:15 pm.
- **Remodel Update:**
 - The station alerting still needs to be installed.
 - The TV Room needs the doors installed.
 - The transparent door and wall are in and need some finish work to completed.
 - The trim above the flooring needs installed.

Adjourn: Tammy moved to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm and Lawrence seconded the motion, passed.

Next Meeting: September 17, 2024, at 6:00 pm at the EMS Building

Submitted By

Barbara Hoyt

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Accepted:



David Schoenberger, Chairman of the Board As Written Corrected

Southern Teller County Health Service District Balance Sheet

	As of July 31, 2024		As of December 31,	
	<u>2023</u>		<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Bank Accounts				
EMS Checking/Savings	1,525,735.05		661,301.00	730,864.00
Mill Levy Checking	585,934.25		769,208.62	1,174,837.53
Board of Directors checking	2,055.23		3,511.02	6,006.79
Money Market	1,195,247.33		1,572,011.73	1,703,422.68
Jumbo CD	512,100.65		511,972.63	
Cash held by Treasurer	0.00		40,224.72	
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 3,821,072.61	\$ 3,518,005.00	\$ 3,615,131.00	\$ 4,102,489.00
Taxes receivable	\$ 1,418,693.39	\$ 1,386,038.00	\$ 1,402,448.00	\$ 1,409,661.00
Other assets *	\$ 286,243.00	\$ 285,243.00	\$ 268,485.00	\$ 472,786.00
Fixed Assets				
Building and Land- Net *	1,794,132.00	1,794,132.00	987,364.00	1,383,568.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 1,794,132.00	\$ 1,794,132.00	\$ 987,364.00	\$ 1,383,568.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 7,319,140.90	\$ 6,983,418.00	\$ 6,283,428.00	\$ 7,368,504.00
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable	69,599.54	264,219.00	74,439.00	59,558.00
Deferred revenue	1,377,007.00	1,377,007.00	1,393,417.00	1,533,222.00
Accrued expenses and other	279,626.79	85,813.00	64,788.00	223,038.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$ 349,226.33	\$ 350,032.00	\$ 139,227.00	\$ 223,038.00
Total Equity	\$ 6,969,914.57	\$ 6,633,386.00	\$ 6,124,201.00	\$ 7,145,466.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 7,319,140.90	\$ 6,983,418.00	\$ 6,283,428.00	\$ 7,368,504.00

* Note assets transferred to EMS upon closure of nursing home, liabilities paid off as received during the year if any.

**Southern Teller County Health Service District
Income and Expenses**

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	As of July 31, 2024			As of December 31, 2023		
	Mill Levy	Board of Directors	TOTAL	Mill Levy	Board of Directors	TOTAL
Income						
Property taxes - Teller County	1,418,699.88		1,418,699.88	1,395,527.58		1,395,527.58
Specific Ownership taxes	68,691.68		68,691.68	149,812.00		149,812.00
Interest Income	22,924.89		22,924.89	45,723.00		45,723.00
Other/Transfers	(2,167,394.37)	27,600.00	(2,169,794.37)	(1,514,002.00)	127,000.00	(1,387,002.00)
Use of fund balance	388,767.25		388,767.25			
Total Income	-\$ 300,310.79	\$ 27,600.00	-\$ 272,710.79	\$ 77,060.58	\$ 127,000.00	\$ 204,060.58
Expenses						
Auditing fees	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Legal fees	0.00	24,249.30	24,249.30		9,211.73	9,211.73
Construction Management	0.00	0.00	0.00		8,200.93	8,200.93
Election expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,713.02	1,713.02
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,368.00	58,932.00	64,298.00
Quarterly meeting	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00		8,200.00	8,200.00
Building Repairs & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,190.05	1,190.05
Informot expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00		225.00	225.00
Treasurer fees	41,388.81	0.00	41,388.81	41,415.08		41,415.08
Year End bonuses	0.00	0.00	0.00		8,500.00	8,500.00
Other expenses	0.00	1,488.13	1,488.13	6,128.02	7,372.19	13,500.21
Total Expenses	\$ 41,388.81	\$ 29,217.43	\$ 70,604.04	\$ 54,909.10	\$ 102,544.92	\$ 157,454.02
Other- Funding to Ute Pass MHAP	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25,000.00	25,000.00
Net Income over (Expenditures)	\$ (341,697.40)	\$ (1,617.43)	\$ (343,314.83)	\$ 22,151.48	\$ (544.92)	\$ 21,606.56
Balance forward	\$ 3,492,342.60	\$ 3,511.02	\$ 3,495,853.62	\$ 3,492,342.60	\$ 4,055.94	\$ 3,496,398.44
Cash balances	\$ 3,150,645.10	\$ 1,893.59	\$ 3,152,538.69	\$ 3,514,493.88	\$ 3,511.02	\$ 3,518,005.00

Property tax collection for July was only \$42,329 down as collections decline after May as 90% of assessments have been collected.

2024 Mill Levy Received

Tax Collected In	Date Rec'd	Curr Tax	Curr Int	Treas Fee	Spec Own	Del Tax	Del Int	Adjust	Check Amt	Total Mo Dep	Year to date
December	2/21/2024				\$ 9,094.41				\$ 9,094.41		
Dec Abate	2/21/2024				\$ 24.58				\$ 24.58	\$ 9,118.99	
January	2/21/2024	\$ 3,309.86		\$ (99.30)	\$ 11,547.78				\$ 14,758.34		
Jan Ref Abate	2/21/2024				\$ 1.55				\$ 1.55	\$ 14,759.89	\$ 23,878.88
February	3/8/2024	\$ 193,987.28	\$ 0.63	\$ (5,820.07)	\$ 9,563.98	\$ 15.33			\$ 197,747.15		
Feb Ref Abate	3/8/2024					\$ 0.02			\$ 0.02	\$ 197,747.17	\$ 221,626.05
March	4/9/2024	\$ 69,065.06	\$ 15.91	\$ (2,072.46)	\$ 10,468.22	\$ 1.00			\$ 77,477.73		
Mar Ref Abate	4/9/2024								\$ -	\$ 77,477.73	\$ 299,103.78
April Reg	5/10/2024	\$ 918,703.60	\$ 4.61	\$ (29,370.01)	\$ 11,374.79				\$ 900,712.99		
April Ref Abate	5/10/2024								\$ -		
SWTCH B/Sr Funds	5/10/2024	\$ 8,783.18							\$ 8,783.18	\$ 909,496.17	\$ 1,208,599.95
Colo PP Exemption	5/10/2024	\$ 569.00							\$ 569.00		
SB22-238 Reimb	5/10/2024	\$ 53,166.00							\$ 53,166.00		
SB23B-001 Reimb	5/10/2024	\$ 36,703.00							\$ 36,703.00	\$ 90,438.00	\$ 1,289,918.96
May	6/10/2024	\$ 101,864.78	\$ 88.96	\$ (3,058.60)	\$ 12,861.60				\$ 111,756.74	\$ 111,756.74	\$ 1,401,675.70
May Ref Abate									\$ -		
DOW/Forest Res	7/10/2024	\$ 215.13							\$ 215.13		
June	7/10/2024	\$ 32,206.53		\$ (966.17)	\$ 10,873.64				\$ 42,114.00		
June Ref Abate	7/10/2024	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 42,329.13	\$ 1,444,004.83
July									\$ -		

Southern Teller County Health Services District
P.O. Box 1391 Cripple Creek, CO 80813

08/20/2024

Dear Governor Polis, Speaker McCluskie, & President Fenberg,

I will get right to the point! I strongly urge you not to agree to the demands of the proponents of the property tax reduction ballot measures for a special session. Calling a special session is a dangerous and risky gamble without a guarantee to the budgets of already reduced local government revenues.

Despite claims of windfall revenues, let me assure you that the tax relief that has been provided to property owners over the last four years has made a significant negative impact on the finances of special districts across the state. Not to mention the difficulties of constant mood swings on how much property tax relief is sufficient to satisfy elected state officials desire to reduce local government revenues. I would be happy to sit down and walk you through our finances.

In the public square, there is a great deal of talk about this state's love for local governments and local control, please let that be more than political rhetoric and listen to the request made from special districts like mine and keep fighting the good fight to defeat initiatives #50 and #108.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



Barbara Hoyt
Secretary
Southern Teller County Health Services District

Eric Murray

From: tbruntz@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 3:42 PM
To: Eric Murray
Subject: Fw: Confirmation of your Audit submission

Eric no need to reply, just wanted you to have a copy of the submission confirmation

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From: "osa.lg@coleg.gov" <osa.lg@coleg.gov>
To: "tbruntz@aol.com" <tbruntz@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 at 03:38:35 PM MDT
Subject: Confirmation of your Audit submission



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Hello Tammy L Bruntz,

We have received your Audit submission. The confirmation number for the submission is: 2024080747254.

The submission was submitted on behalf of Local Government Entity Southern Teller County Health Services District.

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Team Rubicon: Heroes of fire mitigation in two counties

BY PAT HILL
Pikes Peak Courier

Heroes of fire mitigation in Green Mountain Falls and Cripple Creek Mountain Estates, volunteers with Team Rubicon slashed, trimmed, limbed and chipped in both areas last month.

A veteran-led nonprofit organization, Team Rubicon responds to disasters all over the world. Because both areas are at extreme risk of wildfire, after several months they rose to the top of the Rubicon list.

In Green Mountain Falls, the team worked as contractors for the American Red Cross. For people who either could not afford to do mitigation work, are elderly or disabled, the team was part of ARC's pilot program.

"If the residents were to pay to have trees removed the cost would be anywhere from \$800 to \$1,000 a tree," said Bill Dalton, operations supervisor for the project. "We can help people get rid of trees."

Throughout the five-day project, town trustees John Bell and Don Walker pitched in nearly every day.

"They know their capabilities and how they can be used to help residents reduce costs for fire mitigation," Bell said. "Their high-value activity for residents was removing trees. In addition, they removed thick stands of gamble oak and locus from the home ignition zone."

David Douglas, chair of the town's fire mitigation committee, considers the work in terms of the future.

"The program was embraced by our community which is a testimony to the increasing awareness of property owners to the benefits and need to mitigate fire fuels and make their homes more defensible," he said.

In addition to working in Green Mountain Falls, the team cleared old brush in a right-of-way in Manitou Springs as well as in the city's Deer Valley Nature Park.

Mayor of a town with an ongoing risk of wildfire, a

town whose mitigation needs are endless, Todd Dixon takes a long view.

"The work established yet another avenue for everyone to help achieve affordable mitigation," Dixon said. "More importantly, though, it established a relationship where they can assist our community long-term."

Team Rubicon provided insight into various ways to mitigate, Dixon said. In addition to working in Green Mountain Falls, the team cleared old brush in a right-of-way in Manitou Springs as well as in the city's Deer Valley Nature Park.

Throughout the five days, Church in the Wildwood and Pastor Darlene Avery provided shelter for Team Rubicon in the church's dining area.

After long days in the woods, the team ordered meals from area restaurants: Cantina Verde, Peak View Barbecue and Cafe Leo. Manitou Springs Mayor John Graham donated \$5,000 to help with food expenses.

Cripple Creek Mountain Estates

In Cripple Creek Mountain Estates, Suzanne Adams led the mitigation charge in her neighborhood. But there was a drawback.

"Mitigation is expensive; I just wasn't able to find sources of funding," she said.

Through the Teller County Office of Emergency Management, Adams heard about Team Rubicon. However, there was another stumbling block. Seems Team Rubicon is busy all over the world helping communities in times of disasters.

But Adams is convincing. Driven by fear that her house was going to burn down during the nearby High Chapeau Fire in 2018, Adams presented a strong case for mitigation in the forested subdivision.

"They saw a need," she said.

She strengthened her case with evidence of her commitment, co-chairing the CCME Wildfire Mitigation Committee and getting the neighbors involved.

From Aug. 2-4, the 35-member team mitigated 30 acres of the subdivision's high-risk common area, trimmed tree trunks, chipped slash, removed standing dead and dying trees.

"We used the trimmed tree trunks for the CCME firewood exchange program," Adams said.

In appreciation for their work, the neighbors became Team Rubicon chefs.

"We started breakfast at 5:30 a.m. every morning," Adams said.

They packed lunches for the team to eat on the job and served homemade meals for dinners each evening: lasagna, ham, fried chicken and sloppy Joes.

"They said it was the best food they'd ever had on a deployment," Adams said.

If the homeowners were to pay for the work, Adams estimates the costs would be around \$2,500 an acre.

"Team Rubicon, Four Mile Fire, and Coalition for the Upper South Platte provided labor, equipment, and expertise to CCME free of charge," she said.

Working with the team were CCME volunteers Roger Klapp, Russ Shepardson and Jason Wedding.

Throughout the three days, the 35 team members stayed in the new EMS headquarters for the Southern Teller County Health Services District.

"Dave Larivee (operations supervisor) told me that the team would not be able to provide services here without adequate housing," said Eric Murray, executive director of EMS. "We were happy to provide housing, because their services are so beneficial to the residents of our district. This is the third time we have had the pleasure of housing them."