



The California Tahoe Joint Powers Authority

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JPA Board of Directors

Regular Meeting

Wednesday April 12, 2023 9:00am

Lake Valley Fire Station 7 and Zoom

1. Regular Meeting- Call to Order/ Roll Call/ Pledge of Allegiance

A. Chairperson Wallace called the meeting to order at 9:08am

B. Board Attendees

- Leona Allen, Chair
- Tamara Wallace, Director
- John Rice, Director

Other Attendees

- Ryan Wagoner, CTESOA Executive Director
- Kayla Galvan, CTESOA
- Steve Pevenage, LVFD

Virtual Attendees

- Mike Cathcart, Director (Did not participate in voting)
- Aimee Treutlein, CTESOA
- Robert Merritt, Accountant
- Nick Clair, Attorney

C. Communications from the Audience on Non-Agenda Items

None.

Public's chance to speak on any Non-Agenda Items

None.



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D. Note about California's Open Meeting Law

1. Approval of the Agenda

Director Rice moves to approve the agenda. Director Wallace seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023

Director Rice moves to approve the Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2023. Director Wallace seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

3. County Update

Executive Director Wagoner states that there are several open positions at the County.

4. Building Update

Executive Director Wagoner states that the construction of the carport is underway. The bid for Phase Two of the building is planned to open on Monday April 17th and close on Wednesday May 17th, with a goal of construction beginning June 15th.

5. Critical Care Transports

Executive Director Wagoner explains that the JPA has a contractual obligation with the County to provide Critical Care Transports. Currently the JPA satisfies that requirement through a contract with CalStar/Reach that the flight nurses will take CCT patients on JPA ambulances when they cannot fly, however, there is nothing requiring them to go on CCTs, so there is a gap in coverage when they do not agree to take a patient. The Executive Director has gone down several paths to fill this gap. One option is to work with Barton to have their nurses work as Per Diem JPA employees to act as CCT Nurses, which Barton supports as long as the liability is covered. Another option is the possibility of expanding the paramedic scope in El Dorado County to allow paramedics to take patients on vents and drips and then potentially to be certified as Critical Care Paramedics. Both of the paramedic options are currently allowed in California but not in El Dorado County. Barton staff are aware of the efforts of the JPA to meet this need. The



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Board gives direction to the Executive Director to draft a letter to the County urging them to consider and approve the expanded scope.

6. Community Outreach Updates

Executive Director Wagoner shares some of the events that the JPA has been participating in. He acknowledges Operations Manager Aimee Treutlein's hard work in finding, scheduling, and attending all these events.

7. Approval to Increase New Ambulance Purchase by \$14,263.01

Executive Director Wagoner explains that at the April 2022 meeting the Board approved the remount not to exceed \$170,000 based on the estimate received, however the purchase came out to \$184,263.01. Director Rice moves to approve the increase. Director Wallace seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

8. Approval to begin Remount for Ambulance 0445, Not to Exceed \$210,000

Executive Director Wagoner explains that Ambulance 0445 is the next up for remount and this approval gets the JPA in line. The current estimate before tax is \$184,668.00. Director Wallace moves to approve the remount for Ambulance 0445 not to exceed \$210,000.00. Director Rice seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

9. Approval to Surplus Ambulance Chassis 0445

Executive Director Wagoner requests approval to surplus the 0445 chassis after it is sent for remount. Director Rice moves to approve the surplus of ambulance chassis 0445. Director Wallace seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

10. Amendment to County Agreement for Services #5873

Executive Director Wagoner states the County has amended the contract language to specify that the Ambulance Inflation Factor is applied cumulatively due to push back from Joe



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Harn. They also added language to expand the CCT scope for Paramedics. Director Wallace moves to approve the amendment to County Agreement for Services #5873. Director Rice seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

11. Review Year-To-Date Financials

Rob Merritt makes note of certain budget items.

12. Approval of the Preliminary Budget for FY 23-24

Executive Director Wagoner makes note of some budget items that have a significant increase from FY 22/23. Director Wallace moves to approve the FY 23/24 preliminary budget. Director Rice seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

13. County Funding Agreement

Executive Director Wagoner reminds the Board that when the JPA bid on the 2021 contract there were discussions to have the County pay for the second phase of the building through a funding agreement that would come separate from the contract for services. Executive Director Wagoner explained that he has some concerns because the agreement states a specific dollar amount and does not allow for discussion if the construction or bid goes over that amount. Attorney Nick Clair states that the way the agreement is written, if the County disagrees with something they can disallow the expense with no "meet and confer" process. Nick recommends adding a "termination for convenience" clause for the JPA's protection, as the agreement already has one for the County. Nick also states that there is a lot of gray area in the agreement that could benefit the JPA in the event that a disagreement led to litigation. Director Rice moves to approve the agreement with the addition of the mediation and termination for convenience causes. Director Wallace seconds. No further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

E. Adjournment

Chairperson Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:34am.