

CALIFORNIA TAHOE EMERGENCY SERVICES OPERATIONS AUTHORITY

March 11, 2015

Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
City of South Lake Tahoe Airport
Lake Valley Fire Protection Station 7

2211 Keetak Street

I. Regular Meeting

- A. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bettencourt at 9:00 am.

- B. Roll Call - Present at the meeting were:
 - Executive Director Ryan Wagoner
 - Board Chairperson Robert Bettencourt
 - Board Director JoAnn Conner
 - Board Director David Huber
 - Board Director Wendy David
 - Fire Chief Jeff Meston, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
 - Fire Chief Gareth Harris, Lake Valley Fire Protection District
 - Fire Captain Marty Creel, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
 - Fire Captain Jon Anderson, South Lake Tahoe Fire Department
 - Attorney for the JPA - David Hale
 - Member of the Public, Bill Crawford
 - Member of the Public, Jonni Crawford
 - Member of the Press, Paula Peterson
 - Member of the Press, Kae Reed

- C. Pledge of Allegiance - the pledge was led by Chairperson Bettencourt

- D. Approval of Agenda -A motion was made by David Huber and seconded by JoAnne Conner to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously, with Wendy David abstaining as she was not present at the previous meeting.

- E. Approval of Minutes for 01-12-2015 - A motion was made by David Huber and seconded by JoAnne Conner to approve the minutes for 01-12-2015 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
- F. GEMT Draft Proposal - A January 2015 draft letter to El Dorado County Board of Supervisors was presented to the Board. The proposal included fund allocation and recommended that funds were to be allocated for ePCR programs or split between CSA 7 and CSA 3 (approximately 80/20). Executive Director Wagoner wants to make sure that we have input regarding the billing system that is used. CSA 7 met and voted to not support the draft letter. Don Ashton from Health & Human Services wanted a united front to the Supervisors. CSA 7 is in contract negotiations which may have affected the vote. Executive Director Wagoner only believes that we need our fair share from GEMT funds. The electronic billing system provides us with a good rate. The letter demonstrates that the JPA is trying to work with the County. \$500K has been collected thus far and may be available for the two CSAs if the Supervisors approves it. Further discussion will occur in closed session. At this time, Executive Director Wagoner would like Board approval for the letter in case the process moves forward. Director Huber would like to see more specific numbers associated with the letter. The 80/20 split may change, but is based on Medi-Cal/Medi-Care transports. It was noted that these funds do not offset the current contract. The details regarding the hard costs have not been laid out. Chief Harris advised that the concept should be agreed upon, but the specific numbers need to be seen before the final agreement is made. Director Huber made a motion to accept the letter of January 15, 2015 from Don Ashton for the GEMT funding allocation in concept, with the financials to follow. The motion was amended to accept the concept of the letter and subject to getting the documentation regarding the financial data (administrative and ePCR costs) from the County. Bill Crawford posed a question regarding the amount of funds available for the ambulance service. Chairperson Bettencourt and JPA Attorney Hale clarified the funding sources for the public. JoAnn Conner seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.
- G. El Dorado County HHS Director Communications Letter - A letter dated February 12, 2015 from Don Ashton was submitted and it referred to the October 29th, 2014 meeting. The meeting was held with two representatives from the JPA Board (SLTFD and LVFPD). A presentation was made to the City Council following the meeting. Mr. Ashton was concerned about the consistency of the messages from the agencies that collaborate for the JPA. He is asking for clarification regarding messages from the JPA and a meeting this afternoon will take place to address those concerns. Executive Director Wagoner assured Mr. Ashton that we are still on track with the contract negotiations. Executive Director Wagoner presented options to the Board regarding the negotiations process. Director Huber asked the staff to provide figures about costs, and the discussion was directed to closed session. Director Bettencourt clarified that the Board supports the dialogue that the Executive Director is having with the County. JPA Attorney Hale advised that the closed session should include the Fire Chiefs. The item was moved into closed

session. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford discussed the possibility of getting out of the contract as well as the property tax and how it relates to JPA funding.

II. Closed Session - Began at 9:39 am.

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: the Board is only considering one potential case.

Closed session adjourned at 12:10 pm with no reportable action taken.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 13th, 9:00 am, at the Lake Valley Fire District Training Center.

III. Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

Minutes taken by Leona Allen, Lake Valley Fire Protection District