



EMS Administrative Board

August 8, 2018

- 1. Open the meeting**
- 2. Approval of agenda**
- 3. Introduction of attendees:**

Board Members in Attendance:

Norm Childress	Phil Nelson
Rand Elliott	Tammy Pettis
Gary Hanna	Les Riel
Dave Lynde	Tim Smith
Aaron Markham	

Board Members Absent:

Kay Funk	Ben Maltz MD
Tom Sevigny	

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Joel Byam	Nathan Craig
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Department of Emergency Medical Services

Tony Miller, EMS Manager	Diane Koch, Office Specialist
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Department of Emergency Medical Services Absent

Wendy Moudy, EMS Training Coordinator	
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- 4. Open Public Input.**
None

5. Approval of Previous Minutes

Les Riel moved and Norm Childress seconded approval of the previous minutes as sent. Motion carried.

6. Old Business (Due to Commissioner Elliott’s time constraints Old Business was moved up on the agenda)

- a. Levy distribution:
 - i. Approve draft resolution changing the levy. The proposed draft resolution is currently at County legal for review. The County Commissioners do support the proposed changes by this board.

Concerns were raised that during the last board meeting there was a request for a consensus of **ALL** participants. Discussion followed on what changing the EMS levy matric would mean and who are the policy makers for the cities within Yakima County. Commissioner Elliot clarified it was not his intent that all agencies/cities be contacted as this group represents all of the county agencies/cities. For many cities the mayors are not the policy makers.

Levy formula change won’t take effect until 2024.



- b. OEM/EMS Merge – Commissioner Rand Elliott
A brief history of what has happened when the directors have left OEM over the last few years. Commissioner Elliott is still recommending the merger of OEM and EMS. The OEM Board voted to support the merger. Requires support of this board too.
 - i. Both organizations would be benefit by sharing salary costs. Director pay would be 70% from OEM, 30% EMS. The Mayors are in favor for efficiency. There has been great success in merging departments and directors.
 - ii. Training Coordinator would take over some of director duties (includes pay increase). OEM will stay status quo.
 - iii. Hire another full time person for EMS to be Training Coordinator Assistant and be an active instructor.

Discussion on savings to EMS office. The EMS office must keep a 60% operating fund and saving to run the county-wide EMS levy. One fire chief wants to reduce amount of levy the EMS office receives. Another fire chief pointed out that board would be penalizing the current director for good management practices. Two fire chiefs and one fire commissioner want to leave the current funding levels status quo until the next levy election in 2024.

Savings will be accounted for and *if* the EMS office has more than needed, the percentage of the levy would be reduced and it would automatically go back to the fire departments.

Discussion continued with the following points:

- i. Two boards act independently. If either board feels this is not working, then the departments may be separated again.
- ii. The county will no longer cover expenses for cities, and independent departments.

A call for a vote was made by Chief Smith and Commissioner Riel. The following motion was made by Chief Smith: Motion to endorse plan to combine the OEM and EMS offices and director positions with Tony Miller as the director of both departments, with the option to terminate if it is not working. Commissioner Phil Nelson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Reports from Committees and/or Agencies

a. YCDEMS

EMT Course – there will be some changes to the upcoming course to ensure better pass rates. Discussion on why the State no longer has their own EMT exam and uses NREMT.

- Tests have to be validated.
- Several times State EMT test was compromised.
- Costs were \$50,000 - \$75,000 to rewrite and validate a new exam.
- The State made the decision to go the NREMT exam.

Plans are being made so that the OTEP will cover the NREMT recertification requirements. This will allow those who would like to keep their NREMT certification an easy way to do it. NREMT is kept for those who may leave the State or wish to work on the large fires and/or disasters.

Representatives from this county have been attending State WAC meetings and have discussed this with the State representatives.

The Advanced First Aid has been discussed at the State level and it would be best to keep it out of WAC.

8. New Business

a. Budget

The budget information from the County has not yet been received. A special meeting to review budget will be held once the information is available. Before the special meeting the proposed budget will be sent out for review.



9. For the Good of the Order – None

10. Next Meeting: November 14, 2018, 9 am at the EMS Office. Chair Dave Lynde will be not be available for the November meeting. It will be ran by Vice-Chair Les Riel.

11. Adjourned.