EMS Administrative Board
October 29, 2025

1. **Open the meeting**

2. **Approval of agenda:** October 29, 2025, made a motion to approve the agenda Les Riel, seconded by Jim Lange. Motion passed.

3. **Introduction of attendees:**

Board Members in Attendance:

Jim Borst, Fire Commissioners	Jim Lange, Fire Chiefs
Joel Byam, Fire Chiefs	Dave Lynde, Ambulance, Chair
Sarah Dowen, Hospital Representative, Yakima EMS Council	Aaron Markham, Fire Chiefs
Sam Glanzer, Fire Commissioners	Les Riel, Fire Commissioners
Kevin Hodges, MD, Medical Program Director	

Board Members Absent:

Mike Costello, Councilmember, City of Selah	Kyle Curtis, County Commissioner

Alternate Board Members in Attendance:

Dan Boyle, Fire Commissioners

Alternate Board Members Absent:

Nathan Craig, Fire Chiefs	Cameron Haubrich, Fire Chiefs

Department of Emergency Medical Services in Attendance:

Tony Miller, ES Director Jeremy Rodriguez, EMS Ops Manager/Training Coordinator	Diane Koch, Office Specialist Chase Tucker, EMS Program Representative

Department of Emergency Medical Services in Absent:

Guest(s):.

4. **Open Public Input –** none

5. **Communications –** none

6. **New Business**

Budget Presentation and discussion:
Continuation of the budget discussion from August. The county has not budged on the increased charges to our department. The only explanation offered, "is that is the formula they use."

Emergency Medical Services has been grouped with the public safety group which includes the Sheriff's Department and Legal Department (county attorneys).

The MPD contract was presented. The amount being paid for the MPD has not increased since 2009. Dr. Hodges has the contract and is currently reviewing it. We will have a minimum 2 days per month that he will be in the office here.

Discussion on the following budget line items:
Indirect Costs
Operating Rental and Leases
Rent Facilities
Insurance Liability
The contract amount for Tony does not include an increase in salary for 2026. The only increase is for his benefits. We pay 30% of his wages and 30% of his benefits and OEM pays 70% of both.
Benefits for the office – These decreased for 2026, despite having another full-time employee. Jeremy questioned it but was told that it is the number, with no other explanation.
Attorney/Audit – the $350 is for the State audit that is conducted each year on the county. Each department contributes to the cost of the audit.

Any funds left in our budget at the end of the year roll over to the next year.

Tony reported that the county commissioners have determined that any "liquidated damages" from the ambulance contract will be returned to the EMS Office. A resolution will be done by the Board of County Commissioners indicating this. The Treasurer and Auditors offices will be made aware and line items will be requested for our budget. After discussion by the EMS Office staff, a recommendation will be made to the EMS Administrative Board that the money be used as a credit for supplies from our County Supply Room for the zone(s) that were affected.

Les Riel made the motion to approve budget as submitted, Joel Byam seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Meeting adjournment – Aaron Markham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Les Riel. Motion passed.

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