



APPROVED
2-20-26

DAVID STRAIT, COREY BRANDON, RHONDA ROBINSON, SUZANNA SKIDMORE, EVAN WORKMAN, LESA CORLEY, CHERI STURM

Aaron Bostel, Shana Frey, Bob Wilkins, Daniel Blake, Joseph Strait, Natasha Kosowsky, Bryan Murphy, Dakota Pritt, John Riffle, Henry McDonald

Absent/Regrets: Rod Kimble

David Strait called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Minutes were approved from the December 12, 2025 meeting on a motion by Evan Workman; seconded by David Strait.

Aaron Bostel provided operational updates.

- 1,645 total calls.
- 253 calls in December; 182 billable.
- It was discovered that the agreement to process bills in collections was not processed and is being rectified.
- VA billing issues is being discussed with billing agency.
- An address was followed up that has had several responses but appears to be ok.
- Ambulance fleet and deficiencies was discussed
- A discussion was held regarding tow truck availability when it has been needed.
- A new transfer process was implemented on January 1.
- There have been issues with the purchasing cards and reluctant to activate them all. Working with the pcard rep and bank to get rectified.
- Given the ok to purchase radios with the EMS Equipment grant and reviewing quotes.
- Lost two additional full time staff members. The positions are not being replaced at this time; shifts are being filled with transfer staff.
- Financial status continues to be a concern.
- Transfers were discussed as a way to capture additional revenue.

The Congressional Directed Spending project for the construction of a new station was discussed. Decisions to be thinking about include long term goals for station/satellites, location, and what is the best option to serve the community and that makes most financial sense.

An invitation will be extended to the project contact at USDA for the February meeting to learn the particulars of the project.

The next regular meeting will be February 13, 2026 at 10:00am, unless it needs rescheduled to accommodate USDA.

The meeting was adjourned by Evan Workman seconded by Suzanna Skidmore at 11:13am.

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