

Carbon County EMS Board Minutes

January 21, 2025

Called to Order at 7:08

1. **Roll Call:** Board Members: Kim Haman, Jennifer Hickok, Anna Simons, Brooke Million, Kim Bader, Mark Patterson. Others Present: Torsten Prah RLFR, Kim Bednarz RLFR, Chris Pugrud JEMS/ Joliet Fire, Roger Steffan CVEMS, Terry Harper JEMS, Alex Songstad Joliet Fire.
2. **Reading and Disposing of any unapproved minutes:** Minutes from the meeting 11/19/24 read individually, Only concerns presented were a few spelling errors. Motion to approve minutes by Mark Patterson, Seconded by Anna Simons with minor spelling corrections. All in favor, Motion carries- Minutes to be edited by Bednarz/Simons.
3. **Reports of Board Members:** None
4. **Public Comment in accordance with 2-3-103, MCA:** None
5. **Old Business**
 - a. **Review of Draft Contract Services Agreement:** A few grammatical and formatting errors were pointed out and discussed and Jennifer Hickok moved to approve the agreement with the discussed formatting and grammatical errors. Anna Simons seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried. Bednarz will edit and send to Angela Newell for approval from the County and next steps.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Carbon County EMS Website:** The carboncountymtms.org website still exists, and there was discussion about it, what it can provide for the board as well as the three agencies. Everyone agreed that it would be a good idea to keep it and use it as a place to join the three agencies together. Board info can be posted there, as well as agency information. The website has been paid for for the year. It will be a location to post Board meeting agendas, minutes, information etc.
 - b. **Board Member Appointments/Terms:** Kim Bader and Jeremiah Eldred board terms expired on December 31st, and there was discussion about reappointing their terms. Kim Bader stated he is in for the long haul. Kim Haman moves the board to recommend to the County Commissioners Bader and Eldred be reappointed for another term. Jennifer Hickok seconded. All in Favor, motion

carries. Torsten Prah1 and Kim Bednarz will follow up with Angela Newell with the County to ensure proper procedure is followed.

7. Agency Reports:

- a. Prah1 gave a report for RLFR, EMT courses have wrapped up- two classes, one for High School with 12 students, and 10 Adults in the evening class. The AEMT Class hasn't finished yet, but it's getting close. RL is also looking at purchasing a new ambulance- a type 2- for transfers, more van style. Hoping to get the order in February. There are some upcoming training- a Brain injury training at the hospital in March, a PHTLS in Absarokee in February, and an ACLS class.
 - b. Terry from JEMS states that they are still grieving over the loss of a beloved member just before Christmas. They have a new volunteer EMT that started recently, and has experience as an EMT for the Stillwater Mine. They have hired Liz Pugrud as a full-time employee, she is a new paramedic. They have been getting caught up on stipends, and working on an on-call schedule. They also have a new Medical Director (Dr. Ortiz), and they are working well together. Ironing out a budget and surviving the cold.
 - c. Roger Steffan with Clarks Fork Valley states they are starting a new EMT Class tonight with 9 students. They have placed an order for a new ambulance, but it is still 18 months out. They have gotten a scheduling program in place, and so far it seems to be going well with getting people signed up for shifts.
- 8. Next meeting:** Next meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2025 at 7pm at Joliet Fire Hall. Haman asked if the group wanted to determine the June meeting. June 17th, 2025 was suggested by Hickok. Simons brought up moving the meeting location to see another agency location. Red Lodge Fire offers to host. Hickok moves to have the June 17th meeting in Red Lodge, Simons seconded, all in favor, motion carries. The meeting will be at Red Loge Rural Fire on June 17th 2025.

Jennifer Hickok mentions that COMET Training is coming to Fromberg Schools and it is available March 28th, 9-12, and 1-3.

- 9. Adjournment:** Meeting Adjournment Moved by Haman. Patterson seconded. all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:58.