



**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AD HOC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

MEETING LOCATION Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Avenue, Lee Vining, CA 93541

May 21, 2015

These minutes are meant as a summary only. A copy of the Audio file is available in the Clerk's office upon request

1:02 PM Meeting called to Order by Supervisor Fesko

Adjourn: 4:12 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Fesko

1. OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

2. AGENDA ITEMS

A. Statement by Tim Fesko, Ad Hoc EMS Committee Chair

Departments: EMS Manager

(Tim Fesko) - Statement by Tim Fesko, Ad Hoc EMS Committee Chairman, regarding the scope of committee.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Welcome to everyone. He appreciates everyone's interest and taking the time for this. Believes if we try to put politics aside, we can come up with great solutions. Goals are to analyze current model and cost, gather expert input, develop a series of two or three options to create fiscally sustainable model for EMS services in the future. The term of the committee is 6 months, with 2 meetings a month. We may have different opinions, but don't come in with preconceived notions.

Recommended Action: None.

B. Introductions - Roundtable

Departments: EMS Manager

(Tim Fesko) - Roundtable introductions of committee members.

Rosemary Sachs

Bob Brooks

Jack Copeland

Mike Geary

Dr. Rick Johnson

Frank Frievall

Tim Fesko

Lynda Salcido

Dave Robbins

Rick Mitchell

Fred Stump

Stacey Simon, as staff from County Counsel

Leslie Chapman

Ralph Lockhart

Supervisor Fesko explained the clerk's role.

Recommended Action: None.

C. [Brown Act Overview](#)

Departments: Mono County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - Presentation by Assistant County Counsel Stacey Simon regarding the Brown Act.

Stacey Simon:

- She created a power point with a handout as a Brown Act refresher/introduction (added to County website under Additional Documents).

Recommended Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

D. [Overview of Applicable Laws](#)

Departments: Mono County Counsel

(Stacey Simon) - Presentation by Assistant County Counsel Stacey Simon regarding the laws and regulations applicable to the provision of emergency medical services (EMS) in California.

Stacey Simon:

- Presented an overview of the EMS Act, applicable codes and laws, and explained the different levels of the EMS structure.
- Mono County often has a personal interest in new legislation with regard to EMS services because we provide these services in-house.
- We are legally responsible for costs associated with indigent residents.

- Example of what we cannot do is described in Butte County case from 2010 – Only 1 local EMS agency (LEMSA) allowed. We cannot pick and choose what LEMSAs powers to contract out and what powers to keep in house.
- EOA – exclusive operating plan. Basically law authorizes a monopoly in order to protect the service. Providers within an EOA can only be selected in two ways: grandfathering or through RFP process. Mono County has an EOA plan that was adopted in 2004 by ICEMA and approved by State EMS Agency.
- Included RFP in packet as an example of the process, not as a suggestion of what the committee should do.

Supervisor Fesko:

- Members were sent emails from Rob, which included documents such as MOU, reports, etc.
- Two sections within binder given to members includes information on EMS act, put together by Stacey Simon. EMS services are not mandated, but are a power given to counties.
- Does changing from ICEMA to another have any benefit?

Bob Brooks:

- As the scope became greater for EMS, it became easier to join together (ICEMA). ICEMA (Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency) was created by JPA between Inyo, San Bernardino, Mono, and originally, Riverside.

Rick Johnson:

- An individual LEMSAs is lots of work; approximately 2.5 FTE for running the program.
- Separation from ICEMA is not the primary reason we are here but may be a sideline issue. Consensus from the committee to discuss further.

Rick Mitchell:

- Providing EMS services is not (state) mandatory, but we have provided. Are there any models of other counties providing, then later deciding not to provide?

Supervisor Stump:

- There is no historical model of providing EMS service becoming mandated because a county chooses to provide.

Frank Frievalt:

- Feels it makes sense to invite ICEMA/Tom Lynch to come speak to the committee.

Rosemary Sachs:

- Base station – EMS radio to communicate with paramedics on call. Mammoth Hospital pays for upkeep and maintenance. All of Mono County calls Mammoth Hospital to communicate. Changing our ICEMA might change the location.

Recommended Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

E. Future Meeting Discussion

Departments: EMS Manager

(Tim Fesko) - There will not be a meeting on June 18, 2015, however it's been suggested to have the next regular meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2015. At this time, schedule following meetings, locations and starting times, as appropriate.

- A roundtable discussion occurred regarding when and where to hold future meetings. It was decided by a majority to keep to the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month. Also discussed was the possibility of changing times/locations to accommodate the public's attendance; teleconferencing was discussed but a majority feels it's better for the committee to convene in one location.
- Future agenda items: please read through the current MOU, not to renegotiate, but to further discussion and ask questions. Also discussed was the need for a discussion/explanation on what the bottom line issue is with regard to money, cost, etc.


Recommended Action: Schedule future meetings as agreed upon.

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ATTEST



TIMOTHY E. FESKO
CHAIRMAN



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