

MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: January 30th, 2013

Present: Rick Johnson, Kelly Smith, Colleen Williams, Joseph Martinez, & Rob Bukovac

Other Guests: Robert Land, Attorney
Dr. Kevin Weber, Medical Director
Tom Ortiz, Accountant

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Rick Johnson. There were no questions at this time.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum. Rick Johnson took roll call and states all 5 board members were present which includes Robert Bukovac, Joseph Martinez, Kelly Smith, Colleen Williams, and himself.
Proof of Notice	Notices were posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, Las Animas County Courthouse, City of Trinidad, Justice Center, and the Chronicle News.
Approval of Minutes	Minutes for the December 18 th , 2013 regular board meeting and minutes for the January 3 rd , January 10 th , and January 17 th , 2013 special meetings were approved by all board members present. Motion made by Colleen Williams and seconded by Robert Bukovac. Motion passed to approve minutes.
Public Comments	<p>Matt Duran of the Hoehne Fire Protection District spoke up on Dominic Verquer's behalf, directing his remarks to Dan Moynihan, director of the ambulance district. Duran told Moynihan that it would be a big mistake for the board to fire Verquer, saying he was an excellent EMT. Duran said Moynihan has been stepping on a lot of toes since becoming director just two weeks before. He said "you've kind of come in here and upset a lot of people by, I think, taking advice from a lot of people you shouldn't be, and getting rid of people you haven't even learned to know yet," Duran said. "You've been here less than two weeks. You've got a lot of people here in support of a person who is a good EMT, on an assumption without investigation to even check out the background. "We work in a difficult environment as it is. So does emergency personnel in the ER. I myself believe you're getting off on the wrong foot...I hope the board's listening to these comments. They have in the past.</p> <p>Dominic Verquer then spoke stating that on January 26th, 2013 he was summoned into Mr. Moynihan's office along with Mr. Greg Williams, to be reprimanded on a simple assault charge without any documentation presented to</p>

him showing any accusations. He presented a written statement to the board and Mr. Moynihan and states he is here today to defend his actions.

Buddy Curro, Starkville Fire Protection District chief, defended Mr. Verquer, saying he and others at the meeting were there in support of Verquer and backed his position 100 percent.

James Casias, Las Animas County Sheriff, said all emergency providers had to be able to work together. Casias said no one was perfect, but that people sometimes get hurt in the performance of their duties. He said most emergency personnel were volunteers trying to help their fellow community members. He said it was critical for all emergency personnel to be able to get along in difficult circumstances.

Phil Phillis, volunteer chief of the Cokedale Volunteer Fire Department, also spoke in support of Mr. Verquer. Phillis said he'd worked with Verquer as a firefighter and in medical situations. "As far as I'm concerned, he's one of the best people we have in this district, the work he's done previously has been outstanding."

Lloyd Holliman, Stonewall Fire Department, spoke on behalf of Mr. Verquer. He said Mr. Verquer deserves another chance and he hopes that Trinidad Ambulance will give that to Mr. Verquer.

Patrice Holliman, citizen of Las Animas County presented to the board on behalf of Mr. Verquer. She read a lengthy letter to the board asking the board to reinstate Mr. Verquer.

Jody Stodghill, former employee of Trinidad Ambulance District, spoke in behalf of Mr. Verquer stating "Junie" has been an exemplary employee and always has been and feels this is an injustice.

Mr. Mike Burke, a representative of the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA), said there was a union-organizing drive among the employees of the district. Mr. Burke said Mr. Verquer had been involved in that effort, adding that he hoped there had been no violations of federal and state laws governing unfair labor practices that were related to Mr. Verquer's firing.

Mr. Burke presented a proposed resolution making UMWA the official bargaining agent for those eligible employees of the district who wanted union representation, with the goal of creating a collective bargaining agreement between the district and its employees, or calling for mediation between the parties if collective bargaining efforts failed to result in an agreement. Mr. Rick Johnson states the proposed resolution was not on the meeting's agenda, and no action will be taken at this meeting but would take it under advisement.

Sheriff Casias-Contract's Sheriff Jim Casias presented to the board an issue with the Las Animas County Contract between Las Animas County and Trinidad Ambulance District. He states that right now Trinidad Ambulance District is paying for 4,917 square feet in which 1,540 is not being utilized. Sheriff Casias would like Trinidad Ambulance District to amend the contract so the space not being used by Trinidad Ambulance District can be utilized by Las Animas County. The board agreed that the contract would be amended and allowing the County to utilize the office space not currently being used at this time. There was a lengthy discussion on this topic.

Accountant Financials Tom Ortiz now presented his financials to the board. Information discussed for the quarter were total assets, total receivables, bank totals, depreciation, accounts payable, net income, property taxes, and the current budget. Also discussed were expenditures for the month, bad debt write offs, total collections year to date, overpayment refunds, budget for the year, and year to date profit.

Director's Financials Financials
Mr. Dan Moynihan states that the financial report given by Mr. Ortiz is accurate and he has nothing to add. Dan informed the board he has spoken to Tom Ortiz regarding the budget and the line items. He thinks it would be more beneficial to track the expenditures by creating a chart of accounts that is a little more detailed so we know what specific line item is being used for. The board agreed that this would be a good idea. There was a brief discussion regarding this issue. Rick Johnson and Colleen Williams agreed to meet again regarding the accounting topic. Rick Johnson asked if there were any further questions on the financials. There were no questions at this time. Motion to accept the financials was made by Colleen Williams and seconded by Rob Bukovac seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Billing Reports

Dan Moynihan states he has been working closely with EMA Consultants regarding the current rates, aging reports, balance sheets, and the payer mix. Dan informed the board that EMA is in the process of moving so a more accurate report should be available at the next board meeting. The board was dissatisfied with the billing report given by EMA Consultants. Rick Johnson asked if there was a motion to accept the billing report. The board agreed that they could not accept the billing report given and suggested that EMA Consultants come to the next meeting to explain the billing report in detail. Rick Johnson states that the committee will revisit this issue again and will address this issue with EMA Consultants. The suggestion was agreed upon by the board.

Investment Proposal Colleen Williams, representative for Bank of the West, presented investment proposal packets to the board. She suggested that the board and Mr. Land look over the packets and the legality of investing of public funds. The board agreed.

Designation of Time and Place for Notices and Agendas for Regular and Special Board Meetings

Robert Land states that pursuant to statute, the first meeting of every year the board is to designate three places plus the County Clerk and Recorder's office to post notices of meetings and also one specific place to post the agenda. Mr. Land states that currently we are posting here at Trinidad Ambulance District, Las Animas County Clerk and Recorder's office, City Hall, the Justice Center, and a courtesy copy to the local newspapers. He states that out of these places mentioned above one should be the official place to post the agenda. The board agreed that the agenda should be posted here at the main office of Trinidad Ambulance District. Rick Johnson asked if we had a motion to accept the places of posting of the notices and agendas. Colleen Williams moved that we place the meeting notifications at the County Clerk and Recorder's office which is required by law, Trinidad Ambulance District, the Justice Center, City Hall and the local newspapers for public courtesy. Also, the official posting place for the agenda is to be at Trinidad Ambulance District. Robert Bukovac seconded the motion. All yes.

Discussion and Adoption of By-Law's

Rick Johnson has recommended that this topic be moved to the next board meeting. The board agreed.

Director's Report

Mr. Dan Moynihan informed the board that he has been working with the billing company. He is also working on the financials. He states we have no vehicle issues. He briefly gave a description of the call volume that he has seen since he has been here. No other issues to report.

Executive Session

Robert Land states that topic for discussion is general personnel, no specific individuals and that is allowable by C.R.S. 24-6-402 subsection 4f. Rick Johnson asked if there was a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and go into executive session. Colleen Williams made the motion to adjourn the regular session and go into executive session. Robert Bukovac seconded the motion. All yes. Board went into executive session at 5:16 p.m.

Next Meeting Date


Board came out of executive session at 5:55 p.m. Rick Johnson states the next meeting will be held on February 27th, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Trinidad Ambulance District office. Dominic Verquer asked the board what his status was at this time. Rick Johnson stated to Mr. Verquer that if he has any questions he can address them to the Executive Director.

Adjournment

Rick Johnson asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Colleen Williams made the motion to adjourn. Joe Martinez seconded the motion. All yes. Meeting is adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

The minutes for January 30th, 2013 were respectfully submitted by April Martinez on February 15th, 2013.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board.


Rick Johnson, President of the Board of Directors

2/27/13
Date