

MEETING OF THE TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE: July 29, 2009

Present: Alex Abeyta, Liz Aragon, Jeanie Hollon, & Rick Johnson

Other Guests: Brandon Chambers, TAD Executive Director
Dodge Shelby, Attorney (By Phone)

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>
Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by Jeanie Hollon.
Proof of Notice	Notices were posted at the Trinidad Ambulance District Office, Las Animas County Courthouse, Trinidad Times Independent and the Chronicle News.
Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum. (Jeanie Hollon states that there were 4 board members present).
Approval of Minutes	Minutes for June 17 th , 2009 board meeting were approved. Motion made by Liz Aragon and seconded by Alex Abeyta to accept the minutes. All yes, motion passed unanimously.
Financials	Brandon Chambers now presented his financials to the board. He went on to discuss the AR for the ambulance and care van for June of 2009. States we are right in line with our budget and are significantly under budget on all items year to date. He states to keep in mind that this will change due to the purchase of vehicles and the next pay period that will hit the budget at this time. He discussed the property taxes and treasury fees. Jeanie asked if there were any questions on the financials and there were none. Motion to accept the financials made by Rick Johnson and seconded by Liz Aragon. Motion passed unanimously.
Billing Reports	Brandon Chambers began his review for June of 2009. A report reflecting this was given to all board members. He went over the monthly AR, ambulance AR, care van, and the call volume. He states that June was a very busy month. There was a brief discussion on the call volumes. Brandon asked if there were any questions on his billing report. There were no questions at this time. Motion to accept the billing report was made by Liz Aragon and seconded by Alex Abeyta. Motion passed unanimously.
Public Comments	Jeanie states there are 2 people present to address the board whom are Alisha Williams and Tom Murphy. Alisha addressed the board 1st regarding relatives not being able to work together at Trinidad Ambulance District. She would like to be considered a candidate for employment at a future date. Alisha states that due to her father, Greg Williams, being an employee here and due to the fact

that this rule is in place the opportunity would never become possible. She understands why the rules are set in place and that they are very valid rules, but should be considered on a case by case basis. She gave a few reasons why she should be considered as an employee for TAD. The 1st and biggest reason is that her father would not be in a supervisory or disciplinary position over her so there would never be conflict between her and her father. 2nd reason is that they would not be scheduled to work together, but if the day came to where that happened there would never be a conflict due to the fact that she has already worked with him here at TAD and most importantly she respects her father and considers him her mentor. Some other reasons why she feels that it would be beneficial to have her as an employee at TAD is that she has become very familiar with the surroundings, the system we use, and the employees including her father due to the fact that she has had ride time here at Trinidad Ambulance District. She states she has just recently completed her IV certification, which she is very excited about. She states that her father was the instructor, so she has already dealt with her father being in a role over her with no problems. Her last reason is that it is very hard living in a small town and if she decides to go into the same field as her father and due to the rules she would have to move to a different town to fulfill her goals. She asked if there were any questions of her. Jeanie asked her what if she became a shift manager and her father was working for her. She states that could happen one day but that is not where her goals are headed now. She does plan on going to medical school next year. Brandon states that when those scenarios came into play they would have to evaluate the situation due to the relationship and go from there. Jeanie thanked her for coming and said they would discuss this in executive session. Jeanie also said she thought Alisha presented her case very thoroughly.

Tom Murphy now addressed the board. He started off by asking them if they were aware of what was happening at the Trinidad State Nursing Home. He asked if the board of TAD will support the Health Service District in acquiring the Nursing Home. Alex Abeyta states he would have no problem with it. Liz Aragon states she has one problem and that is that it is misleading because what they're doing is a mill levy tax, which she is opposed to, and you're not explaining it very well to the public. She states that Mr. Manzanares said that \$600,000 to \$700,000 would go to the nursing home if they got the tax passed, and then they would try to use the tax initiative that passed to borrow money in order to finance or buy the nursing home. She asked Tom if she was correct. Tom states this is not exactly correct and says that right now they are not ready to reveal the offer to the state yet. Tom said there is a meeting tomorrow, July 30th, 2009, at 3:00pm at the nursing home and thinks Brandon or someone should attend to receive more details. He would like to get as much support from the community as possible. Alex Abeyta asked if they tried to go with the 1 cent sales tax. Tom states it was debated and came to the conclusion that they would go with the mill levy. Rick Johnson asked if there was a time frame to back the Health Service District due to himself along with the rest of the board would like more time to think about and discuss it. Tom said that he would

answer that at the meeting tomorrow if someone goes. He said he would also give the information sheet that explains everything in detail. There was further discussion between the board and Tom Murphy regarding the Health Service District and the nursing home. Jeanie asked if he had any further topics to discuss with the board in which he said no. Jeanie thanked Tom for coming.

Other Agenda Items

Jeanie states she received a letter from Grimshaw & Haring stating Marcus McCasken will no longer be our special district representative with the law firm. He is working with Matthew R. Dalton to transition within the firm to continue to provide us with the legal representation that we need. There was a brief discussion regarding this subject. Brandon states we are changing health insurances from Rocky Mountain Health to Assurant Health which should start around September 1st, 2009. He thinks we need to continue to look and grow on our employee benefit packages and as time develops we will look at that as we move forward. Brandon states that recently there was an increase on taxes on license plates of \$42 this year. This increase goes to road and highway department. \$1 of this increase went to Colorado Department of Health Public Environment that was specifically for EMS. As a part of this there is a special grant cycle that has to occur. He is approaching the board to say it is the district's attempt to buy 5 SUV's and an ambulance in the fiscal year 2009. He is asking that they apply for a grant for 50/50 matching for the ambulance and use the other 50% for other items needed for the district. One of these items would be an administrative software program from High Plains. The cost would be around \$7000. He would also like to apply for some more AED's. With all this combined if we were to be successful in the grant it would be the same as buying the ambulance at 100%. An ambulance runs about \$110,000 to \$115,000. There was a brief discussion on the grant process. Jeanie asked if there was a motion to approve Brandon to apply for this grant. Rick Johnson made the motion to allow Brandon to apply for an equipment grant. Liz Aragon seconded the motion. All yes, motion passed unanimously. Brandon wanted to bring attention to the article done by Dr. Weber in the Chronicle News. Brandon states everyone should have gotten their Special District Manual. All said yes. At the last board meeting it was the direction of the board to transfer some funds from our checking account to the savings account at First National Bank. This has been done successfully. Also, it was discussed to move money from one account to another that would capture a higher interest rate. He has done some research and doing this will be a good business decision. Colorado has a State law called Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) which states that if you deposit your funds in a banking institution you are covered by FDIC for \$250,000. This is for private funds but if it is for public funds and your balance exceeds the \$250,000 PDPA says that the institution must pledge collateralized securities against any uninsured amount in excess of the \$250,000. There was a brief discussion on this topic and if the funds should be moved to another banking institution. He is currently doing some more research on this topic. The board agrees with this issue. Brandon now let the board know that there was hail damage to one of the vehicles yesterday. Brandon states we have 1

open position as Paramedic. Interviews are now taking place. He now states that there are other topics that need to be discussed in executive session. Jeanie asked if there were any other agenda items that needed to be discussed. There were none.

Executive Session

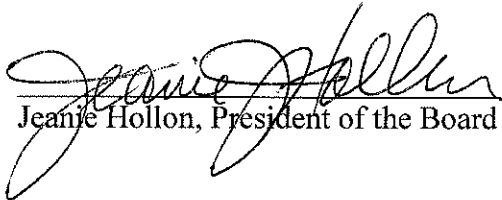
Brandon cited C.R.S. 24-6-402 subsection 1, 2, 4, & 6, regarding legal advice, contract negotiations, potential litigation, and personnel matters. Dodge Shelby has requested the board not record the executive session due to attorney client privileged information. All agreed. Jeanie Hollon asked if there was a motion to go into executive session. Liz Aragon made the motion to go into executive session. Alex Abeyta seconded the motion. All yes, motion passed unanimously. Board went into executive session at 4:51 p.m.

Regular Session

Board came out of executive session at 5:30 p.m. Jeanie states there are no motions to be made on the executive session. Jeanie Hollon states the next meeting will be August 19th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Trinidad Ambulance District office. The agenda will remain the same. Rick Johnson made the motion to adjourn at 5:31 p.m. Alex Abeyta seconded the motion. All yes.

The minutes for July 29th, 2009 were respectfully submitted by April Martinez on August 13th, 2009.

Minutes Approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board.

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Jeanie Hollon, President of the Board of Directors Date

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