Bonner County
Board of Commissioners
Brian Domke Asia Williams Ron Korn

Special Meeting Minutes
Bonner County EMS Budget Adoption

Date: August 20, 2025
Location: 1500 Hwy 2, Suite 338
Sandpoint, ID 83864
Convene at: 10:00 AM

COMMISSIONERS: Domke – Present Williams – Present Korn – Present
OTHERS PRESENT: Jeff Lindsey, Sarah Nixon, Jessica Stephany, Mike Rosedale

Purpose/Topic Summary: Adoption of the FY26 Bonner County EMS Budget

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Commissioner Williams called the meeting to order at 10:03 p.m.

Action Item: Discussion/Decision Regarding Adoption of the FY26 Bonner County EMS Budget; **Resolution**

Commissioner Williams asked for a summary of the budget. Jeff talked about revenue, which is around $1.8 million. He put the revenue for FY26 at $2 million. He talked about the anticipated tax revenue and levies. Many positions have been subtracted out of the budget. Five FTE positions were eliminated. The medical supply line has increased. Discussion followed regarding drug costs. Jeff talked about the contingency line and having issues with their reserves. They do not want to have to borrow from the county like they had to last year. They are working toward being financially stable. The total budget is roughly $5.5 million.

Jessica submitted an adjusted budget to the board that would reduce the budget slightly. The total budget would be $5.3 million with her adjustments. She discussed this proposed change. She has not had a chance to meet with Jeff and discuss this adjustment. Commissioner Williams suggested a recess to go over this adjustment and decide which would be better for the budget.

Commissioner Domke briefly discussed the concerns he had with the discrepancy.

The meeting was recessed until 10:45 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Jessica discussed the adjusted budget. $5,301,787 is the new adjusted budget. This includes a 3% COLA for employees. Commissioner Williams asked about EMS's bookkeeper and if she would be taking over payroll.

Discussion was had regarding AEDs. Jeff said they are working to put them in the community where anyone can access them. The ones currently at community centers tend to be locked and

are not accessible. They are working to figure out how to make them totally accessible for anyone to grab should they need them. Commissioner Williams asked if the county is covering the cost of the batteries for those. Jessica asked how many AEDs are out in the county currently. Jeff said there are maybe six in the community right now. Lengthy discussion followed. Commissioner Korn said he would like to discuss at a later time who is in charge of taking care of these batteries. He believes the community should hold fundraisers to fund the upkeep of the batteries. Commissioner Williams disagreed, saying that these are a huge benefit to not only the community, but they're also beneficial to responding EMS services. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Domke talked about the "gap amount" and whether a TAN is needed. He clarified that a TAN decision is happening outside of this budget decision. He said he is comfortable with the budget that has been presented.

Public Comment opened at 11:01 a.m.
*No public comment

Commissioner Domke made a motion to approve **Resolution #2025-06** adopting the Bonner County Ambulance District Budget for FY2026 in the amount of $5,323,976. Commissioner Korn seconded the motion. Commissioner Korn clarified the number. Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Williams – Yes; Commissioner Korn – Yes; Commissioner Domke – Yes. The motion carries.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Deputy Clerk: *Lauren Reichenbach*