

West Custer County Hospital District



When: June 6, 2019

Who: Custer County Board of County Commissioners (CCBOCC)

What: CCBOCC response to Florence Volunteer Fire Department Letter dated 5/23/2019.

On May 31, 2019, the CCBOCC, requested Custer County EMS (CCEMS) to provide a potential solution(s) to EMS response to the Wetmore area. CCEMS agreed to research the issue and provide options to the CCBOCC at the 6/6/2019 CCBOCC meeting.

Findings:

In addition to the need of EMS services to Wetmore, it has been discovered that CCEMS has been responding to MM 17-20 on Hwy 96 and MM 1 – 15 on Hwy 165, outside the West Custer County Hospital District (WCCHD) since moving from a volunteer service in 4/14 to a paid service. Since discovering this, we feel it is not appropriate for us to continue to provide services on an ongoing basis to residents of Custer County who reside outside of the WCCHD tax district. CCEMS will continue to respond to these areas for the next 90 days, ceasing response on 9/5/2019.

Suggestions/Options:

- 1) CCEMS will respond to 911 calls if a 911 call is originated and dispatched outside of WCCHD boundary (east of mile marker 17 on highway 96, and south on highway 165, from mile marker 1-15. If such dispatch occurs, CCBOCC will pay CCEMS a rate of \$120 per hour, with a 2 hour minimum, to respond to these calls. These charges will be rounded up to the next hour, and will be billed to CCBOCC on a monthly basis. This charge is to offset the charge of CCEMS calling in second call crew to be available to respond to a potential second call within the WCCHD boundaries while out on a call for the CCBOCC.
- 2) On a temporary basis, or permanently if agreed to, CCEMS will staff a dedicated ambulance, with 2 EMS providers at the Wetmore Volunteer Fire Department(subject to them agreeing to allow us to use their station), for a 12 hour shift to be determined (Ex. 7a-7p or 9a – 9p). This will be charged to the CCBOCC, at the cost of \$120.00 per hour, or \$1440.00 per day, or \$10,080.00 for 7 day-a-week coverage. The monthly charge for this 12 hour, 7 day a week service would be \$40,320.00. It is to be noted that this crew will also be available to respond to second calls.

- 3) CCBOCC could obtain Mutual Aid agreements with Pueblo/Fremont AMR, Beulah EMS/Fire, Rye Fire/EMS, to respond to areas outside of WCCHD boundaries.
- 4) CCBOCC could survey the Custer County property owners outside the WCCHD, to determine if they desire to be annexed into the WCCHD. Preliminary information received by the Custer County Assessor is as follows:

From: custerassessor@custercountygov.com <custerassessor@custercountygov.com>

Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 9:20 AM

To: Beth Archuleta

Subject: Assessed Valuations for Wetmore and San Isabel areas

I think this is the information you are looking for. If they were to annex the areas of Wetmore and the part of McKenzie Junction to San Isabel that is not currently covered by Rye, it would add roughly \$4,201,640 assessed value to the West Custer County Hospital District's boundary. Since they currently have a mill levy of 7.908 mills, \$4,201,640 multiplied by .007908 would equal \$33,226.56 in additional property tax dollars to the Hospital District coffers.

If the Hospital District were to annex the area of San Isabel that is currently covered by the Rye Fire Protection District that would add about \$3,184,730 assessed value to the West Custer County Hospital District. \$3,184,730 multiplied by .007908 would yield \$25,184.84 additional property tax dollars. Obviously, then, annexing in the entire county not currently covered by the West Custer County Hospital District would yield \$33,226.56 + \$25,184.84 or a total of \$58,411.40 additional property tax dollars.

Please note that these are rough estimates only at this time. As I indicated to you when you were in the office, we are still in appeals and changing of valuations will be occurring for a while. In addition, I am using last year's valuations for utility companies as the State of Colorado does not provide me with new valuations until August 1 of each year. So, this values could increase or decrease for a while yet. Values will tentatively be certified at the end of August 2019 and I will have a much better idea then.

Also, I have no idea if annexing these areas would have implications for Tabor or mill levy calculations. You should check with finance officer and/or legal advisors about these areas.

J.D. Henrich
Custer County Assessor

From Theresa Kennedy, CFO, WCCHD: Based on the below it is only \$14,705.75 goes to EMS and the county gets 5% of that which takes it down to \$14,000. There will be other specific ownership in there. Tabor/Gallagher is a very important aspect of this as if we get our private property real estate ratio higher than our overall property tax payments will go down. Annexing them in may in fact have a negative effect overall on our property tax collections.

Call Volume

2018 CCEMS calls on Hwy 96 from MM 17 east	12 calls
2018 CCEMS calls on Hwy 165 from MM 1-15	14 calls
2019 CCEMS calls on Hwy 96 from MM 17 east	9 calls
2019 CCEMS calls on Hwy 165 from MM 1-15	2 calls
2018 Florence calls to Custer County	28 calls
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2016-2018 Rye Calls	2 calls

Total calls = 76 17 month period = 4.5 calls per month

Respectfully Submitted,



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Executive Director

2018 EMS Stats

INCOME

Gross Billable	\$618,803.80
Writeoffs	\$373,970.33
Bad Debt	<u>\$37,182.67</u>
Collectable	\$207,650.80
Normal Collectible	<u>\$191,829.18</u> 31.00%

Calls	604	\$	343.79	Average based on All Calls
Transports	247			
Billable Events	389		\$533.81	Average Per Billable Event

Calls	604	Normal Write Off	\$	317.60	Average based on All Calls
Transports	247	40.89%			
Billable Events	389	64.40%		\$493.13	Average Per Billable Event

Calls outside district	54	Per Year (4.5 x 12)	Annual
.41% transportable	22.14		Potential run Income
.64 Billable	34.776	\$493.13	\$17,149.23

Potential Mill Levy Money \$ 14,000.00 Per JD
 Potential Specific Ownership \$ 2,240.00 2018 was 16% of Property Tax

Estimated Annual Income from Area if Annexed \$33,389.23

Cost Per Hour to Service - \$120 per/hr Avge 3 hrs \$19,440.00

Potential Annual Additional Income (Loss) if annexed \$13,949.23

Potential Loss of Income if not annexed
 % already responded to 2.18 Per Month
 Calls Resp to by CCEMS 26.16
 x \$493.13 (\$12,900.39) Income Already being received
 Income Loss if we do not continue