

August 7, 2019

Mr. Robert Tobin
West Custer County Hospital District
704 Edwards Ave.
Westcliffe, Colorado 81252

Dear Bob:

I'm sure you and your fellow members of the Board of Directors for the West Custer County Hospital District will agree that it is vitally important to provide the very best ambulance service possible to the citizens of Custer County and to the people who visit here or who pass through the county on their way to other destinations. We cannot allow any temporary lapse in this service to occur while we work toward a satisfactory resolution of the issues that were discussed at our joint workshop last Monday.

Therefore, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted at this morning's meeting to submit to the Hospital District a proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) as authorized by Section 29-1-203, C.R.S. This is a temporary agreement to assure that ambulance service to all of Custer County would continue without interruption and without any reduction in the level of such service while we discuss the future of ambulance service in Custer County and attempt to negotiate a solution that is in the best interest of the people we serve. A copy of this proposed IGA is enclosed.

Please present this IGA to your board and give us your response as soon as possible. Your announced deadline of Sept. 5 for the termination of all ambulance services outside the District's boundaries is rapidly approaching, and we must have an agreement in place prior to that date. If you have any questions about the legal responsibilities of the District for ambulance services pursuant to the 1988 Service Plan and the 1989 contract between the County and the Hospital District I would urge you to seek legal counsel. We certainly do not want to engage in contentious and expensive litigation to compel the ongoing delivery of ambulance services while we work toward a final settlement.

Sincerely,

Tommy G. Flower
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners