

# ESA October Special Board Meeting

## MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 2012 2:00 P.M.

PIKES PEAK REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT, 2880 INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE, COLORADO SPRINGS

<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Chief Carl Tatum
<b>NOTE TAKER</b>	Eileen Gonzalez
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Commissioner Sallie Clark, Bob Demetry, T. Wayne Florek, Jeff Force, Jane Fredman, Councilman Bernie Herpin, Mayor Jeri Howells, Dr. Julie Kiley, Commissioner Peggy Littleton, William Normile, Dr. Jack Sharon,
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman Merv Bennett, Commander Jim Reid, John Scorsine (participated via videoconference), Deputy Chief Tommy Smith

### Agenda topics

#### 1.A. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 4TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT (CONTRACT RENEWAL & AMENDMENTS)

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
<p>Chief Tatum called the meeting to order, reminded attendees that there would be no votes taken at this meeting, and requested staff to present a brief timeline relating to the issue of the proposed contract renewal, which Eileen Gonzalez presented. Chief Dave Ury of Black Forest Fire/Rescue noted that the Pikes Peak Fire Chiefs Forum was in support of the renewal.</p> <p>John Scorsine, participating via videoconference, asked to confirm that Deputy Chief Smith had expressed CSFD's support of the renewal at the June ESA Board meeting. Eileen confirmed that this was the case. Councilman Bernie Herpin noted that the renewal had not yet appeared on a City Council agenda. Commissioner Clark asked why there was not a representative from the fire department in attendance, and expressed her frustration that any negotiations were happening behind the scenes and not out in the open.</p> <p>Councilman Herpin expressed his opinion that, since the ESA's contract with AMR doesn't expire until December 31, 2013, there isn't a big urgency to decide on the renewal. He read a statement to the effect that "the City is having discussions with AMR about how to innovatively collaborate to reduce costs. These savings will be passed along to the Colorado Springs Fire Department. The efficiencies gained will not impact ambulance coverage in the county nor will it change the costs of ambulance transport." Chief Tatum pointed out that the other fire districts in the county needed significant lead time to investigate alternatives should the City of Colorado Springs decide to withdraw from the ESA. Councilman Herpin stated that he anticipates the plan will be presented to the ESA Board at their December meeting and contract renewal would be brought to City Council after that date and would pass.</p> <p>John Scorsine questioned whether it would be fair for the CSFD to obtain some benefits from the renegotiation when other county agencies might not, and he reiterated Chief Tatum's concerns relating to the urgency for county agencies to have some lead time should they need to find new providers of ambulance transport services. Ted Sayer stated that AMR's intent in its discussions with the CSFD was not to negatively affect rates, response times, or level of service in the county, and that he looked forward to the opportunity to present a plan at the December ESA Board meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Howells expressed her concerns that the CSFD's objections were coming up at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and that no representative of the ESA has been involved in any discussions. In response to a question from Commissioner Clark, Jane Fredman noted that the contract doesn't prohibit the contractor from having discussions or negotiations with individual parties involved in the ESA system. Commissioner Littleton observed that the IGA creating the ESA contained a commitment to intergovernmental cooperation, and that in light of that commitment, the discussions between CSFD and AMR should be brought before the ESA.</p> <p>Ted Sayer asked for some guidance from the ESA to help him navigate similar situations in the future, and Chief Tatum asked staff to come up with a recommended policy to guide the contractor's interactions of this type with parties to the contract or IGA. Commissioner Clark reiterated her understanding that the results of AMR's and CSFD's negotiations will be presented at the ESA's December 5 meeting, and emphasized that, despite members frustrations over the current situations, all parties involved in the ESA are committed to working cooperatively for the benefits of citizens. She also expressed her appreciation for Councilman Herpin's attendance at today's meeting.</p>

#### 1.B. BOARD MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS

<b>DISCUSSION</b>
None.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 3:15 p.m.