

**WESTERN COLORADO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 22, 2022

The regular meeting of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WestCO) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at the Montrose County Annex Building, 1140 N. Grand Avenue, Montrose, Colorado. Said meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Law, including a link to the meeting and phone numbers for public participation.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Blaine Hall, Chief of Police, Montrose Police Department
Tad Rowan, Secretary, Fire Chief, Montrose Fire Protection District
Chris Broady, Chief of Police, Mountain Village
Justin Perry, Vice Chairperson, Sheriff, Ouray County
Jeff Wood, Chief of Police, Ouray Police Department
Gene Lillard, Sheriff, Montrose County

GUESTS:

Mandy Stollsteimer, Executive Director, WestCO Regional Dispatch Center
Mikayla Unruh, Deputy City Clerk, City of Montrose
Chris Dowsey, City Attorney, City of Montrose
Matt Goetsch, E-911 System Administrator, METSA
Drea Cole, Police Systems Administrator, Montrose Police Department
Paul Gottlieb, President, METSA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was accepted. No public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer noted that due to limited cellphone reception, Secretary Tad Rowan would serve as acting chairperson for the meeting in place of Vice Chairperson Justin Perry.

A motion was made by Chris Broady, seconded by Gene Lillard, to approve the agenda as amended to include Tad Rowan as acting chair. All voted yes. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board considered the minutes of the WestCO board meeting held on January 18, 2022.

A motion was made by Jeff Wood, seconded by Gene Lillard, to approve the minutes of the January 18 2022 meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

The Board considered the minutes of the special WestCO board meeting held on March 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Gene Lillard, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2022 special meeting. All voted yes. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: MANDY STOLLSTEIMER

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer provided an update on operations at the WestCO Dispatch Center.

Stollsteimer noted that in response to ongoing staffing challenges, a survey was conducted of other 911 call centers throughout the state to learn more about shared challenges and response efforts for comparable centers. The Colorado Municipal League and Colorado Employers Council will be releasing their latest data regarding salary ranges for 911 dispatchers throughout the state in early summer 2022.

Stollsteimer provided a summary of the recent 9-1-1 Goes to Washington Conference in Washington D.C. and the opportunity to tour the Alexandria and Arlington dispatch centers and learn about their remote call-taking operations.

GENERAL WESTCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION

Chris Broady inquired about the current status of staffing at the WestCO Center. Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer shared that WestCO and City of Montrose HR staff attended the Montrose High School Career Fair on March 17 to promote opportunities at the center. In addition, 24 applicants have been received via Indeed. WestCO will also host a recruitment fair on Saturday, April 9 from 9am – 2pm at the WestCO Center. Board members are welcome to attend with PD/EMS vehicles and equipment.


ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Justin Perry, seconded by Gene Lillard, to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:



Tad Rowan, Secretary



John Cheroske, Chairperson
Justin Perry, Vice Chairperson