

WESTERN COLORADO REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 13, 2022

The regular meeting of the Western Colorado Regional Dispatch Center (WestCO) Board of Directors was held on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Montrose Police Department, 434 S 1st St., 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:

Matt Smith, Commander, Montrose Police Department
Tad Rowan, Secretary, Fire Chief, Montrose Fire Protection District
Chris Broady, Chief of Police, Mountain Village
Jeff Wood, Chief of Police, Ouray Police Department
Tim Cox, Interim Chief, Olathe Police Department
Scott Fitzgerald, Deputy Chief, Olathe Fire Protection District
Shane Schmalz, Marshal, Ridgway Marshal's Office
John Cheroske, Chairperson, Division Chief, Telluride Fire Protection District

GUESTS:

Mandy Stollsteimer, Executive Director, WestCO Regional Dispatch Center
Briceida Ortega, Deputy City Clerk, City of Montrose
Chris Dowsey, City Attorney, City of Montrose
Matt Goetsch, E-911 System Administrator, METSA
Paul Gottlieb, President, METSA

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was accepted. No public comment was received.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A Professional Services Agreement for Emergency Communication & Dispatch Services with WestCO, was added to the agenda

A motion was made by Jeff Wood, seconded by Scott Fitzgerald, to approve the agenda as corrected. All voted yes. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tad Rowan, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 board meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Tim Cox, to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2022 special meeting as presented. All voted yes. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2022-05 SCHEDULING BOARD MEETINGS

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer presented Resolution 2022-05 which details the time and frequency of WestCO board meetings for the 2023 calendar year. The annual meeting is scheduled for January 24th.

A motion was made by Tim Cox, seconded by Scott Fitzgerald, to approve Resolution 2022-05. All voted yes. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED AND UPDATED WESTCO POLICY #204, SALARY AND PAY PRACTICES

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer presented the Amended and Updated WestCO Policy #204, Salary and Pay Practices. Stollsteimer mentioned that starting January 1st, employee FMLA eligibility will be changing from 4 months to 6 months of employment. The board decided to not have a sick leave bank at the moment.

A motion was made by Tad Rowan, seconded by Matt Smith, to approve the Amended and Updated WestCO Policy #204 Salary and Pay Practices. All votes yes. Motion passed.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION & DISPATCH SERVICES

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer mentioned that the agreement has been reviewed by legal and there were no changes.

A motion was made by Scott Fitzgerald, seconded by Chris Broady, to approve the Professional Services Agreement for Emergency Communication & Dispatch Services. All votes yes. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE: MANDY STOLLSTEIMER

Executive Director Mandy Stollsteimer provided an update on operations at the WestCO Dispatch Center. City of Montrose and Century Link persuaded Motorola to continue with the 911 system upgrade project. The project is moving forward. Stollsteimer mentioned that there has been a lot of technical issues with the domain change from City of Montrose to PD. There also has been an increase

in the number of lines and communication costs which might affect 2023 budget. Stollsteimer expressed that there is money in the vacancy savings if needed.

Stollsteimer explained that WestCO has been in business for 7 years which means technology failures are starting to happen. There will be more technology projects in 2023, including a website update to comply with State Statues.

WestCO is welcoming a new employee, Tiffany, her start date is December 27th. She has 10 years of experience from Garfield. Stollsteimer mentioned that overall staffing continues to be a challenge. There is currently 2 staff members out on FMLA.

Stollsteimer shared that there will be a new employee schedule for 2023 that includes 12-hour shifts, 3 shifts one week and 4 shifts the next. This new schedule will allow for a more direct and clear chain of command.

GENERAL WESTCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION

Chris Broady thanked Mandy Stollsteimer for all her hard work and a great job.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by, seconded by Matt Smith, seconded by Jeff Wood, to adjourn the meeting at 1:47 p.m. with no further action taken. All voted yes. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

Justin Perry, Vice Chairperson

Tad Rowan, Secretary