



# Teton County Fire Protection District

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## Board of Fire Commissioners

Scott Golden, District 1  
Jason Letham, Chair-District 2  
Kent Wagener, District 3  
Monica Hoth, Secretary

Monday May 9, 2016

**Attendance** District Commissioners: Letham, Wagener & Golden  
Interim Commissioners: Lemieux  
District Legal Counsel:  
District Public Relations:  
Fire Chief: Bret Campbell  
Division Chief-Prevention: Earle Giles  
Division Chief-EMS.:  
Division Chief- Training:  
Shift Captains:  
Driver/Operators:  
Firefighters:  
Board Secretary: Monica Hoth  
Local 4667:  
Public: Keith Gnagey

## **Welcome @ 10:30am**

Commissioner Letham welcomed everyone to the meeting

## **Emergency Medical Services (plans proposals, interactions & updates):**

Commissioner Letham began by updating the other Fire Commissioners on the meeting held between himself, Keith Gnagey (TVHC) and Harley Wilcox (Rep Party Chair) that took place Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Letham explained that Gnagey would like to present to the ASD Board of County Commissioners a deal reached between FD & TVHC prior to their reaching an agreement on their own. However, Letham did not hear new suggestions from Mr. Gnagey. Only that he wished the relationship to remain as it is, which to Letham wasn't acceptable. All Fire Commissioners present rather preferred to not interfere with the process currently under way with the ASD (Ambulance Service District) and intends to let that process continue.

Commissioner Golden remained concerned that the County is still allowing tax dollars to fund parts of the private hospital that go beyond the scope of Ambulance Service.

**Recess** – 10:50 am to the ASD meeting being held at the County Courthouse at 11am. The Fire Commissioners will reconvene this meeting afterwards back at the Driggs Fire Station. Notice posted to the door.

**Re-adjourn** – 11:55am at the Fire District Conference room w/ Keith Gnagey, Golden, Letham, Lemiux, Hoth and Campbell present.

***Emergency Medical Services (plans, proposals, interactions & updates) Continued...:***

Keith Gnagey (TVHC) came to the continued meeting to discuss further the EMS issue directly with the Fire Commissioners. He expressed an interest in working out an agreement with the FD before the ASD County Commissioners decide on their preferred outcome for Ambulance Services.

Commissioner Golden asked Keith what he was proposing. No formal proposal was made beyond keeping the system as it currently is. The group discussed issues such as: Medical Directors, budget shortfalls, strained relationships, TVHC articles in the TVN that appeared to show TVHC bad mouthing their partner the FD, the work that the ASD has already done to gather info to make a decision, Gnagey not interested in leaving it to the ASD board, tax dollars spent at the private hospital and patient revenue. Gnagey concluded by expressing his interest in being pro healthcare and not anti-fire department. Gnagey left the meeting at 12:50pm.

Commissioner Golden expressed his interest in continuing to allow the work of the ASD Commissioners continue. Letham and Chief Campbell agreed and then discussed the timeline of the meetings to come. It was confirmed that the next ASD meeting was scheduled for Monday May 16<sup>th</sup>. They will also have the regularly scheduled Commissioners monthly meeting tomorrow the 10<sup>th</sup> at the Driggs Fire Station.

***Adjourn***

**Commissioner Golden made a motion to adjourn at 1335 hours  
Commissioner Letham seconded the motion, and adjourned the Board of Fire Commissioners until the next commissioners meeting scheduled for May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1400 hours.**