

Johnson County Ambulance Rural Health Care District
BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES
JULY 12, 2021

The special meeting for the Final Budget Hearing of the Johnson County Rural Health Care District was held at the County Planning Office in Buffalo, Wyoming on Monday, July 12th, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Marilyn Connolly. Present were: Marilyn Connolly, Marie Miller, Scott McBride, Jim Hicks, Mark Haines, Tucker Ruby, Barry Crago, Commissioner Bill Novotny, Mark Bentley, Michelle Chapman, Francine Russell, Jeff Sawyer, Robert Garrison, Mark Schueler, Marci Schueler, Jill Wright, Shane Schrader, Dennis Thorson, Shawn Sullivan, Traci Chesterman, Tammy Driskill, Carolyn Fox, Seth Taylor, Ed Huson, Lois Huson, Annastasia Blevins, Lauren Collins, Craig Wetterlund, Dave Harness and Karri White.

President Marilyn Connolly opened the floor for board comment on the proposed 2021/2022 Rural Health Care District Budget. Scott McBride asked Dave Harness to explain what the contract agreement amount covers. (List attached.) Marie Miller suggested the board look into paying Buffalo EMS for outside transfers to increase ambulance revenues. Jim Hicks made a motion to add \$75,000 for Replacement Ambulance and Equipment Reserve that would include purchasing a LifePak15 for Buffalo. Seconded by Scott McBride. Approved by all.

President Marilyn Connolly opened the floor for public comment on the proposed 2021/2022 Rural Health Care District Budget. Francine Russell asked if the budget included purchasing property. Marilyn stated the board had designated \$500,000 in reserves for land and an ambulance barn but was not included in this year's budget. Francine Russell stated when the economy is down, it would be prudent not to spend reserves to purchase land. Jeff Sawyer suggested the board listen to independent consultants and act on suggestions for future planning. Robert Garrison foresees increase in taxes overall and is concerned for the retired community. Marci Schueler asked that the board ask for and listen to public comment when purchasing land and building an ambulance barn.

Jim Hicks moved to accept the budget as amended. Seconded by Scott McBride. Approved by all. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.








