

Northwoods EMS District
Budget sub-committee Minutes
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Boulder Junction Town Hall

A quorum of Town Board members from each of the four member Towns may be present at this meeting. No official Town Board action will be taken by these members during their attendance at this meeting.

1. The Meeting was called to order by Phil Harris at 10:00 am and he verified that the Agenda had been posted appropriately. Those in attendance were:
Committee: Phil Harris, John Hanson, Steve Herzberg, Dennis Ruess, Nicholas Newton, and Al Eschenbauch
Command staff: Chief Jason Joling and Deputy Chief Jessie Mabie
EMS Consultant: Dana Sechler
Others in the meeting / online: Laura Bertch, Robert Silvis, Corky Curtis, Dharris
2. Motion by Dennis Ruess, second by John Hanson to approve the agenda. Voice vote: all ayes.
3. The proposed 2027 Budget documents were passed out to the group, for them to refer to. Chief Joling reviewed the income and expenses line items for the proposed Budget with the committee. He discussed the parameters of the Funding Assistance Program (FAP) from the State EMS Office. A 3% raise was included in the wages / benefits section. After his presentation, Phil Harris expressed his appreciation to the Chief and Deputy Chief on their preparation of the proposed Budget.

Discussion occurred on the following Budget items:

- ~potential decreases in future revenue from Medicare / Medicaid
- ~need for a rate study to determine most appropriate rates
- ~facility fund
- ~increase of staff and administrative wages from 3% to 7% (reminder that staff did not receive a raise last year)
- ~mileage reimbursement for lease of ambulances
- ~facility fund for capital
- ~capital equipment replacement, ie: cardiac monitors, Lucas device, and cot systems
- ~ownership of ambulance(s)
- ~development of a capital plan

No action was taken on any of the above discussed items, and the meeting was then adjourned by the chairperson.