Northwoods EMS District
Budget sub-committee Minutes
Thursday, July 16, 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 9:00 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: Corky Curtis, Cathy Logan-Weber, Robert Silvis, Dan Driscol, Joe Slovosky, dharris, and MWFC 5-1

2. Motion by Dennis Ruess, second by Steve Herzberg to approve the agenda.
   Voice vote: all ayes.

3. Discussion and/or finalization of Chief Joling's proposed 2027 Budget for review by the District. Chief Jason Joling indicated that the only change in the Budget presented from the last meeting to the current document, is that of the line item associated with the staff wages, as had been directed by the ENMSD Board.

   Nicholas Newton stated that he thought that there would be two different Budgets presented to the sub-committee: one document for the Operational Budget, and then a separate document for the Capital Budget. The current Budget combines all those line items into one document.

   John Hanson made the following statements for consideration:
   - Remove the mileage reimbursement line item
   - The Towns and Fire Company transfer the Ambulance titles to NEMSD
   - Do need the vehicle repairs line item and service contracts for equipment on ambulances. Suggestion to increase the Vehicle equipment and repairs line item to $15,000.
   - Split the current Facilities fund line item, and keep $24,000 for the current line item, and then place the remaining $96,000 in the Capital budget.

- Remove $70,000 in the Ambulance Capital fund.
- The above Capital items would be placed into a separate Capital Budget, which would result in an Operational budget request of $1,999,536.00

Discussion occurred on the proposed changes, and then Steve Herzberg moved, seconded by Phil Harris to pass the 2027 Budget as presented by the Chief, to forward to the Board for review.

Additional discussion occurred by the sub-committee members on the various points of the 2027 Budget, as well as the proposed items that were presented by John Hanson. As a point of clarification, Steve Herzberg stated that he is not against the Capital budget, as long as it is controlled by the NEMSD Board members.

At the end of the discussions, a voice vote was then taken on the Motion:
There were 5 ayes and 1 nay. Motion passed.

4. A motion was made by Steve Herzberg, second by Dennis Ruess to adjourn at 10:00 am. Voice vote: all ayes. Motion carried.