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Joint Workshop with Town of Peralta 5/6/2025 5:00pm-6:00pm

Re: EMS Mutual Aid Service Agreement proposal between the Town of Peralta and the Village of Bosque Farms

- The meeting was delayed due to an accident. Many of the attendees were volunteer fire or EMS and had to respond to the vehicle accident.
- The workshop was officially called to order at 5:13pm.
- Councilor DeSmet began the conversation, stating that she, along with the Bosque Farms Fire Department and the Peralta Fire Department and Peralta EMS had a proposal to reopen Bosque Farms EMS.
- Ashley Means is the EMS Chief and Deputy Fire Chief for Peralta.
- As Peralta EMS, Means is already responding to medical calls in Bosque Farms.
- If she was the part-time EMS Chief for Bosque Farms, it would reduce wait times and enable her to use our transport unit.
- Means would do approximately 20 hours per week as head of Bosque Farms EMS.
- As part of her duties, she would get the rescue unit running, needed DOT inspection, restore certifications, etc.
- Peralta is agreeable with Means spending this time as Bosque Farms EMS Director, but would like to be fiscal agent.
- The proposal is an MOU, similar to the way Bosque Farms provides police services to Peralta via an MOU.
- The MOU cost is proposed at \$50,000 per year, which would cover wages, benefits, taxes and all payroll expenses for Means.
- A similar MOU has existed between the two communities in the past.
- Means serves as fire inspector for Bosque Farms and is a full paramedic. She can read an EKG and provide advanced life support.
- Mayor Holguin of Peralta stated that although he largely stayed out of the planning for this proposal, he supports it and speaks highly of Means.
- Bosque Farms would hire our own EMTs, and they would be Bosque Farms employees. Means would serve as director.
- This would provide the communities with two ambulances.
- Bosque Farms would have to reapply for the EMS supply grant.
- The fire recruitment grant can be used for EMS salaries.
- The recommendation is four full time EMTs or eight part time EMTs for Bosque Farms.

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- Means has several candidates in mind who would be interested, depending on whether it is full time or part time.
- Salary estimates for EMTs are as follows:
 - Paramedic- \$22-23/hr
 - Intermediate- \$19-20/hr
 - Basic- \$16-17/hr
- Means stated that a volunteer service is less realistic, but we may get some volunteers to supplement the service as they train.
- Full time would be preferable to part time workers.
- Peralta would be able to cover weekends.
- It was mutually agreed that we would need to take a look at the budget to see what is possible.

The meeting concluded at 5:53pm

The proceeding minutes were transmitted to the Village Council for the Hearing on July 24, 2025. The Village Council voted to approve them as transmitted.