



Status of Teton County Commissioners' Priorities

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In early 2015, the Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) established a list of priority projects and initiatives. This list continues to evolve as projects get completed and county needs change. We will update this list periodically to keep the public informed of the current work the BoCC is engaged in.

Emergency Management, Ambulance Service District

Emergency Management - The BoCC is actively engaged in emergency management efforts by the County. Teton County has an Emergency Management Coordinator who oversees and ensures that we have the capability to deal with any potential emergencies in our area. We recently hosted a drill with 14 partnering agencies that tested emergency response efforts for a potential major winter storm. Teton County will participate in another emergency response drill that is being led by the Idaho National Guard this May. The County will activate our Emergency Operations Center to test actual response efforts to a chemical exposure incident. In June, Teton County will also participate, with our regional health district, in the national Cascadia Rising exercise simulating a massive earthquake and tsunami affecting Washington and Oregon. We will practice setting up the regional mass care sheltering supplies here in Driggs in support of the wave of evacuees that would be coming our direction. For more information on upcoming drills visit:

<http://www.tetoncountyidaho.gov/department.php?deptID=11&menuID=1>

Ambulance Service District Contract - The County Commissioners also serve as the Board of Directors for the Ambulance Service District (ASD). This board is exploring alternatives for addressing the funding shortfall facing the ASD under the current contract with Teton Valley Health Care (TVHC). They are weighing options for reducing the cost while maintaining current levels of service and qualifications. Both TVHC and Teton County Fire Protection District (TCFPD) are interested in contracting with the ASD to staff and administer ambulance services in the county. TCFPD submitted an addendum to their proposal (option C) on March 28th. In this scenario, TCFPD would staff, operate, and maintain all 3 emergency response ambulances in the County within their current budget. Because no additional funding from the ASD would be required, this taxing district could be dissolved. The Board of County Commissioners has requested more information from TVHC and TCFPD and will be meeting again with both entities on May 9, 2016 to discuss all options