



# Teton County Fire Protection District

P.O. Box 474

911 N. Hwy 33

**Tuesday, January 27, 2026- Driggs Fire Station, as well as Teleconferenced via Zoom**

## **In Attendance:**

Jason Letham, Fire Commissioner

Bob Foster, Fire Commissioner

Erin Borbet, Fire Commissioner

Mike Maltaverne-Fire Chief- absent

Kevin Brown – Fire Marshal

Ed Schauster – Deputy Chief of Operations

Jared Colson – Battalion Chief of EMS via zoom

Bart Birch- Legal Council

Mariana O’Neill -CFO

***Meeting began @ 1608 hours***

Commissioner Letham called the meeting to order.

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***Minutes:*** Commissioner Letham asked if there were questions or comments on the prepared minutes from December, 2025, meeting.

No comments or questions were asked.

**Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.**

**Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the minutes were approved.**

**Claims:** Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the claims presented for the period **December 1-31, 2025.**

No comments or questions were asked.

**Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the claims as presented.**

**Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the claims were approved as presented.**

***Budget Statement:***

Commissioner Letham asked for any questions or comments on the December Budget Statement presented.

No comments or questions were asked.

**Commissioner Foster made a motion to approve the Budget Statement as presented.**

**Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Budget Statement was approved as presented.**

**Oath Ceremony**

The meeting began with Commissioner Letham being sworn in as the Fire Commissioner for District 2, in Teton County Idaho, serving another 4 year term,

**EMS Rates**

Chief Colson presented data on current EMS billing rates in Idaho, recommending the elimination of resident versus non-resident rate distinctions as they provide no benefit and align with Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance reimbursement structures. He proposed increasing rates to the 75th percentile level, with specific recommendations for BLS and ALS services, noting that Teton County's current reimbursement rate is around 65% after accounting for disallowed charges. Systems Design indicated that raising rates could result in approximately 13-15% increased reimbursement from private insurance, though this may be lower due to

Idaho's definition of commercial insurance. The Commissioners discussed Idaho Code requirements for publishing notices, which need to be done two weeks before the meeting, and it was decided to add this to the next meeting agenda on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Commissioner Foster made a motion to publish the new EMS rates as presented.**

**Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the motion was passed.**

**Commissioner Letham made a motion to adjourn at 1705 hours.**

**Commissioner Borbet seconded the motion.**

**Commissioner Letham asked for all in favor. All replied “aye”, and the Board of Fire Commissioners were adjourned**

