

**TRINIDAD AMBULANCE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTHLY MEETING & BUDGET HEARING**

October 22, 2025

Attendance: Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Zachary Shapiro, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates, Chief Moreno, Deputy Chief DeTray, Barbara Fisk, Lt. Liz Romero, Lt. John Velasquez

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION
Call to Order/Pledge	Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm by Zakk Shapiro.
Roll Call/Proof of Quorum	There was a quorum with five (5) board members in attendance.
Adoption of Agenda	MOTION adopt the agenda as presented was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Tom Murphy YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates NAY: ABSTAIN: The agenda adopted as presented.
Review Minutes	MOTION to approve the September 24, 2025 meeting minutes as presented was made by Audra Garrett. SECOND: Joe Richards YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates NAY: ABSTAIN: The September 24, 2025 minutes were approved as presented.
2026 Budget Hearing	The Board, having been provided the Resolution to Adopt 2026 Budget, Appropriate Sums of Money and Authorize the Certification of the Tax Levy for Trinidad Ambulance District and the 2026 Budget as adopted at the September 24, 2025 meeting in their Board meeting packets, made no changes to the budget and resolution. MOTION to adopt Resolution to Adopt 2026 Budget, Appropriate Sums of Money and Authorize the Certification of the Tax Levy for Trinidad Ambulance District as presented was made by Joe Richards. SECOND: Lynette Bares YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates NAY: ABSTAIN: The Resolution to Adopt the 2026 Budget, Appropriate Sums of Money and Authorize the Certification of the Tax Levy for Trinidad Ambulance District was approved as presented.

Director & Operations
Reports

Chief Moreno presented the Director Report.

Financial Statement for September 2025.

Financial Overview

- Deferred Property Tax Receivable: \$117,896.56
- General Fund Bank Accounts \$1,768,646.43
- Enterprise Fund Bank Accounts \$2,168,779.07
- Total Cash on Hand \$3,937,425.50

YTD Income and Expenses

- Net Income TAD \$537,440.72
- Net Income TADE \$215,960.67
- YTD Net Income \$753,401.39
- Medicaid Supplemental Payment \$202,073.82 is included

YTD Billing Performance

- EMS Transports January – September 2025: 1,324
- Gross Charges \$4,026,408
- Contractual Allowances \$1,893,635
- Payments Collected \$772,361.82
- Net Collections Rate ~36.2%

September Collections Summary

- Total Transports 145
- Gross Charges \$459,439
- Average Gross Charge/Trip \$3,168.54
- Collections September Trips \$32,555.91
- Cash per Trip \$224.52
- September Collection Rate 8.3%

Medicaid Supplement \$202,073.82 will be deposited on September 30, 2025.

The EMTS grant application has been approved and the Scope of Work and Purchase Order have been received.

The District conducted two transports from Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center without incident. Sangre de Cristo Hospice still has not responding to the contract provided for the same services.

Due to illness of representing counsel, the deadline for Hall & Evans to provide the Opening Brief to the District Court has been moved to October 24, 2025. Our Community Integrated Health Care Services license which was due to expire on October 8th has been renewed through October 2026.

Committees continue working with the bill drafter to promote the EMS as Essential and Treatment in Place legislation.

The federal government shutdown will affect the District. CMS Medicare Extender provisions expired September 30, 2025 and is part of the negotiations for reopening federal operations. Considered Super-Rural, the District has been receiving an additional 22.6% in payments from Medicare on claims. It is anticipated that these Extenders will not only be reinstated but retroactive to October 1, 2025. CMS has asked billing companies to release Medicare claims which are currently being paid with the extender percentages. If a bill is not passed approving the extenders, companies will be required to refund CMS the (22.6%) additional payments.

The tenant at 939 Robinson Ave. has not yet paid the October rent. Evidently there was a problem setting up the ACH payment so a check was mailed a week ago but has not yet been received.

States must submit an approved transformation plan to receive any portion of The Rural Health Transformational Funds totaling \$50 billion over 5 years. Funds would flow through rural hospitals, clinics, EMS agencies, and community providers through state-directed programs. Evidently the state level Hospital Association refused to participate in a collaborative submission. He also reported to the Board about advocacy for the Protecting Access to Ground Ambulance Medical Services Act of 2025 (s. 1643 / H.R. 2232) which would extend the Medicare add-on (extender) payments through December 31, 2027.

Chief Moreno provided the September Safety Cloud Report which showed continued successful use of the system along with the many meetings he's attended multiple state and national EMS headlines dealing with accidents, provider assaults, funding issues, and employee retention.

Deputy Chief DeTray extended his apology to the Board for an oversight regarding the executive purchase limit of \$5,000. He inadvertently approved the purchase of turbo parts and exhaust filter for an ambulance that is out of service. The cost of the purchase exceeded the executive purchase limit of \$5,000. This matter will be matter will be tabled until the next board meeting.

He has working with a grant writer to submit an application for up to \$1million (no matching funds) from the Office of eHealth Innovation. He has been working closely with Ute Pass Regional, Eagle and Delta County Health Service Districts in the process. Funding will help kick start the MIH and CP programs.

Transport statistics on services provided for the month of September, 2025.

Calls for Service	188(down 57 from Aug.)
On Call	1 w/transport
Standby	1 transport
Chief	1
Deputy Chief	2

Inter-Facility Transfers	43 (2 transports from ER to home)
IFT Not Transported	0
IFT Mileage – Sept	7,996.5 (highest mileage per month 2025)
YTD IFT Transports	287
YTD IFT Mileage	54,772.5

Five out of six vehicles are in service.
There are now two ALS providers out on worker's compensation.

Crew's Corner

- TAD will be participating in multiple Halloween events,
- continuing to visit the Senior Citizen Center,
- two new hires have cleared Field Training with one more pending,

Unfinished Business The Board discussed the possibility of using the movie theatre to show the Code 3 film to local government and first responders.

Public Comments As representative for Trinidad State College, Lynette Bates thanked the District for the seven Stop the Bleed kits provided to the college.

New Business **Legal Counsel.** Additional quotes containing qualifications and lists of references will be acquired.
MOTION to table topic until the next regular meeting was made by Audra Garrett.
SECOND: Tom Murphy
YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
TABLED

Dispatch Service Proposals. Chief Moreno requested this topic be tabled until after the January meeting. Additional quotes will be sought.
MOTION to table topic until after the January 2026 meeting was made by Joe Richards.
SECOND: Lynette Bates
YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates
NAY:
ABSTAIN:
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Adjourn **MOTION** to move the next meeting date to November 12, 2025 and to adjourn was made by Audra Garrett.
SECOND: Joe Richards
YEA: Zakk Shapiro, Joe Richards, Tom Murphy, Audra Garrett, Lynette Bates

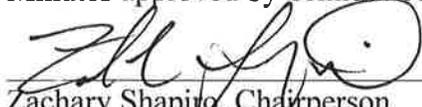
Trinidad Ambulance District
Regular Monthly Meeting
October 22, 2025

NAY:

ABSTAIN:

Adjourned at 5:42pm to meet again November 12, 2025

Minutes approved by Trinidad Ambulance District Board of Directors November 12, 2025.



Zachary Shapiro, Chairperson

