

LA VETA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

La Veta Fire Station
100 Birch St
La Veta, Colorado
MINUTES

December 11, 2025 @ 5:45pm

Present: Directors Schmidt, Valdez, Shrout, Lard and Gripka were in attendance.

Staff: EMS Director Dave Mower, Fire Chief Ron Jameson, and Administrative Assistant Tressan Passarelli were in attendance.

Guests: Norma Mower was in attendance. Dave Steffan and Bridget Spencer attended via Zoom.

Budget Hearing was conducted for the 2026 Budget. Schmidt read the budget for the record. No questions were asked.

Call to Order – Pledge - Roll Call

Minutes

- Minutes from November 13, 2025: Motion to approve the minutes made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Motion Carried.

Public Forum

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Guests, Correspondence, and Presenters

- We have received over \$2,500.00 in donations.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as read made by Valdez. Seconded by Shrout. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Report

- DFPC Grant is open January 5th thru the February 13th. Chief will have it ready by the January meeting.

EMT Director's Report:

- N. Mower: we will be introducing a series of new EMS Policies over the next 6 months. There are 2 policies we must have right now. Minimum Equipment Requirements Policy and Fatigue Management Policy. After speaking with the state, I will have to adjust this policy to fit our needs. I will be working on those and get them to the board for the January meeting. The other 16 will need to be done by July 1, 2026. We do have a power point

presentation on everything. I feel a workshop would benefit all of us to see what the policies will need from us. Schmidt: We will set a workshop for December 15, 2025 at 6:00pm to go through the power point. There was a lot of discussion on the future policies and expectations.

Administrator's Report:

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Old Business

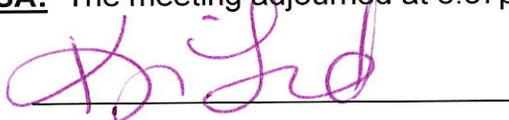
- Jade: Motion to increase the Jade bill by \$60 per month and add cyber security to Station 1 and not Station 2 made by Shrout. Seconded by Gripka. Motion carried.
- Social Media Policy: We will add this to the SOP Meeting next year.
- New Department Job Descriptions: We will have a workshop on this on January 12, 2026 at 6:00pm.
- Budget Adoption & Resolutions: All Resolutions and cover letters were read into record by Schmidt. Motion to adopt the 2026 Budget as read made by Schmidt. Seconded by Gripka. Roll call vote. Schmidt, yes. Shrout, no. Gripka, yes. Valdez, yes. Lard, yes. Motion carried, 4 yes, 1 no.
 - Adoption of Budget Resolution No. 2025-05; Motion to approve Resolution 2025-05 as read, made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Roll Call vote. Schmidt, yes. Valdez, yes. Shrout, yes. Gripka, yes. Lard, yes. Motion Carried
 - Appropriate Sums of Money Resolution No. 2025-04; Motion to approve Resolution 2025-04 as read, made by Shrout. Seconded by Lard. Roll Call vote. Schmidt, yes. Valdez, yes. Shrout, yes. Gripka, yes. Lard, yes. Motion Carried.
 - Resolution to Set Mill Levies Resolution No. 2025-06; Motion to approve Resolution 2025-06 as read, made by Shrout. Seconded by Gripka. Roll call vote. Schmidt, yes. Valdez, yes. Shrout, yes. Gripka, yes. Lard, yes. Motion Carried.
 - Motion to set mill levy at 4.211 made by Gripka. Seconded by Shrout. Shrout and Schmidt will check into the mill levy being so low. Motion carried.

New Business

- Approve 2026 Meeting Dates. Board decided they did not need to vote on this. Dates are set and will be posted on the website in the station.

Executive Session – not needed.

* **MSA:** The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm



Keri Lard, Secretary

2025 Actuals vs. Budget

NOVEMBER				JAN-NOV				TOTAL 2025	
Actuals	Budget	Variance		Actuals	Budget	Variance	Budget	% of Budget	Remaining
			Revenue						
386	18,741	-18,355	311 · Current Property Tax	179,132	75,113	104,019	192,161	93.2%	13,029
0			312.1 · Current Tax Interest	527			700	75.3%	173
0			312.2 · Back Taxes	2,644			200		
22			312.3 · Back Tax Interest	321			32		
			312.4 · Miscellaneous Taxes	1			3,000	0.0%	2,999
			312 · Other Taxes - Prop tax backfill, etc	552			0		
			Total 312 · Other Taxes	4,023	1,430	2,593	3,932	102.3%	-91
1,785	1,751	34	313 · Specific Ownership Taxes	18,979	8,654	10,325	20,910	90.8%	1,931
2,171	20,849	-18,678	Total Revenue from Huerfano County	202,134	85,197	116,937	217,003	93.1%	14,869
			320 · Interest						
5			320.1 · Checking Interest	76				100.0%	-76
122			320.10 · ColoTrust - Legal Exp. Int	1,426					
255			320.5 · Colo Trust - Operating Interest	3,036					
102			320.6 · Colo Trust - Capital Reserve Int	1,193					
118			320.7 · Colo Trust-Primary Cap. Reserve	1,373					
10			320.9 · ColoTrust - Organizational Fund	119					
			320.4 · COLOTRUST Interest						
612	620	-8	Total 320 · Interest	7,223	3,410	3,813	6,050	119.4%	-1,173
			330 · Donations	750					
			330.1 · LVFPD Auxillary						
			330.4 · LifePack 15						
			330 · Donations - Other	450			2,400	18.8%	1,950
0			Total 330 · Donations	1,200	1,300	-100	2,400	50.0%	1,200
			350 · Misc Charges, Sales & Services	56	0	56		100.0%	-56
			360 · Charges/Income - Fire Dept	8,768	0	8,768		100.0%	-8,768
			370 · Charges/Income - EMS Dept						
14,133			371 · Gross EMS Charges	262,203				100.0%	-262,203
-7,772			372 · Billing Adjustments	-103,248				100.0%	103,248
			373 · Write-offs - EMS					100.0%	-50
			374 · Refunds						
			375 · Collections	50				0.0%	0
			376 · Revenue Adjustment						
			370 · Charges/Income - EMS Dept - Other						
6,361	11,902	-5,541	Total 370 · Charges/Income - EMS Dept	159,005	53,474	105,531	136,785	116.2%	-22,220
			380 · Grants & Designated Revenue						
			381 · Fire Grants	10000					0
			382.2 · EMS general grants		3,500		3,500	0.0%	3,500
			382.3 · RETAC Income				3,500		0
			383 · Station Grants				10,000		10,000
			385.1 · USDA Grant	33,823					-33,823
			388 · Federal/State Fire Participation	43,823	3,500	40,323	13,500	324.6%	-30,323
0	3,500	-3,500	Total 380 · Grants & Designated Revenue	21,607					
			390 · Miscellaneous Income	300					
			701 · Fuel Tax Refund						
			701.1 · Fire Fuel Tax Refund						
			701.2 · EMS Fuel Tax Refund						

2025 Actuals vs. Budget

NOVEMBER	TOTAL 2025			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance	Remaining
0	175			
9,166	37,046	-27,880		
			Total 701 - Fuel Tax Refund	
			Total Revenue	
			Expense	
			600 - Administration Costs	
			601 - Salary - Employees	
1,937	1,930	-7	601.1 Director Stipend	
100			602 - Administrative Expense	
1,250			602.1 - Administrative Fuel	
			602 - Administrative Expense - Other	
			Total 602 - Administrative Expense	
1,250	860	-390	603 - Insurance	
12	223	211	604 - Professional & Legal Services	
2,919	869	-2,050	605 - Stations, Bldgs & Grounds	
2,000	359	-1,641	606 - Utilities & Phones	
			606.1 - La Veta Station	
396			606.2 - Cuchara Station	
336			606.3 - Other Utilities	
334			606 - Utilities	
			Total 606 - Utilities & Phones	
1,066	1,632	566	607 - County Treasurer's Fees	
12	637	625	Total 607 - County Treasurer's Fees	
12	637	625	609 - New Station Loans	
			609.1/2 - New Station Loans - Other	
			609.3 - New SIn - SIEA REDLG Principal	
2,500	2,500	0	Total 609 - New Station Loans	
2,500	2,500	0	610 - Communications	
			611 - District Administrator	
			612 - Payroll Incl Bank Service charges	
			600 - Administration - Fixed Costs - Other	
11,796	9,650	-2,146	Total 600 - Administration Expenses	
			620 - Fire Department	
10,472	636	-9,836	621 - Fed/State Fire Expense	
			622 - Salaries	
			622.2 - Fire Chief Salary	
1,000	1,001	1	Total 622 - Salaries	
1,000	1,001	1	623 - Incentives/Salaries	
			624 - Equipment	
			624.1 - Fuel	
309	71	-238	624.2 - Equip Repairs	
3,768	404	-3,364	624.3 - PPE	
			624 - Equipment - Other	
304	1,256	952	Total 624 - Equipment	
4,381	1,867	-2,514	625 - Training	
	409	409	626 - Public Education	
	27	27	628.1 - SCBAS	
			628.2 - Pumps	
			1,572	

2025 Actuals vs. Budget

NOVEMBER				JAN-NOV				TOTAL 2025			
Actuals	Budget	Variance		Actuals	Budget	Variance	Budget	% of Budget	Remaining		
			628.3 Gas meters	3,308							
			628.4 Hose testing	1,563							
			628.5 Other (Pneumatics etc)	6,443	4,117	-2,326	11,323	56.9%	4,880		
0	1,029	1,029	628 Annual Testing-SCBA, etc.								
			629 Capital Outlay	200		-200		100.0%	-200		
			620 Fire Department - Other								
15,853	4,969	-10,884	Total 620 Fire Department Expenses	102,217	21,547	-80,670	68,338	149.6%	-33,879		
			630 EMS Department								
			631 EMS Expense - other	980				100.0%	-980		
			631.1 EMS Medical Supplies	6,432				100.0%	-6,432		
			631.2 Other medical expenses	7,339				100.0%	-7,339		
1,367	1,293	-74	Total 631 EMS Expenses	14,751	7,914	-6,837	16,967	86.9%	2,216		
1,000	1,000	0	632 EMS Director Salary	11,000	5,000		12,000	91.7%	1,000		
2,100	3,085	985	633 EMS Incentives/Salaries	36,768	14,408		36,000	102.1%	-768		
462			633.1 PR SS/Medicare	9,026							
823	348	-475	635 EMS Billing Fee	3,817	2,185		4,620	82.6%	803		
			636 EMS Equipment								
195	340	145	636.1 EMS Fuel	2,457	1,764		4,147	59.2%	1,690		
	604	604	636.2 EMS Equip Repairs	4,601	2,771		7,000	65.7%	2,399		
	364	364	636 - Other	322	1,455		4,000	8.1%	3,678		
195	1,308	1,113	Total 636 EMS Equipment	7,380	5,990	-1,390	15,147	48.7%	7,767		
			637.1 Paramedic Class	-2,773							
116	0	-116	637 EMS Training	802				100.0%	-802		
116	182	66	Total 637 EMS Training	-1,971	727		2,000		300		
	27	27	638 EMS Public Education	94	109		300	0.0%	300		
	455	455	639 Annual Testing and Calibration	94	1,818		5,000				
6,063	7,698	1,635	Total 630 EMS Department Expenses	80,865	38,151	-42,714	92,034	87.9%	11,169		
			650 Grants & Designated Fund Exp								
0	2,500	2,500	650.1 Grant Writing		2,500	2,500	2,500		2,500		
		0	651 Fire Grants		5,000	5,000	10,000		10,000		
		0	652 EMS Grants								
		0	652.1 RETAC								
		0	653 Station Grants								
		0	657 Federal Fire Participation								
		0	658 Water Conservancy Grant								
0	0	0	Total 650 Grants & Designated Fund Expenses	0	7,500	7,500	12,500	0.0%	12,500		
33,712	22,317	-11,395	Total Expense	345,041	118,551	-226,490	359,104	96.1%	14,063		
			Net Ordinary Income	99,075	28,660	70,395					
-24,546	14,729	-39,275	Other Income/Expense								
			702 Other Income Misc	0	0						
			Total Other Income	0	0						
			Net Other Income	0	0						
-24,546	14,729	-39,275	Total Net Income	99,075	28,660	70,395					

Savings, Reserves and Loans

	Balance:					Int Rate
	August	September	October	November	Δ	
70-715-5	717,468	71,607	75,012	54,996	(20,016)	0.10%
Checking (FNBI)						
Petty cash	100	100	100	100	100	
Coltrust Reserve Accounts:						
8001	75,142	75,409	75,681	75,986	255	4.25%
General (Operations)						
8002	30,220	30,328	30,437	30,540	103	4.25%
Cap Reserve: (Stipends)						
8003	34,768	34,891	35,017	35,135	118	4.25%
Cap Reserve: (Primary)						
8005	3,004	3,015	3,025	3,036	11	4.25%
Cap Reserve: (Organizational)						
8006	36,117	36,245	36,376	36,498	122	4.25%
Cap Reserve: (Legal)						
Operating Accounts Total						
	152,710	147,116	150,798	131,032	(19,761)	
Capital Reserve Accounts Total						
	104,109	104,479	104,855	105,209	354	
Total Funds	256,819	251,595	255,649	236,241	(19,408)	

Building Loans						Payments	
Note holder	Rate	Term	Ending	Balance	PI	Frequency	
San Isabel Electric Ass'n (REDC)	0.00%	10 Yr	2026	22,500	2,500	Monthly	
Fowler State Bank (1)	3.75%	25 Yr	2040	429,616	38,041	Annual	

next interest eval 10/2025

Deposit Detail

Type	Date	Account	Amount
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.1 · Checking Interest	5.35
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.9 · ColoTrust - Organizational Fund	10.20
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.6 · ColoTrust - Capital Reserve Int	102.38
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.7 · ColoTrust-Primary Cap.Reserve	117.76
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.10 · ColoTrust - Legal Exp. Int	122.33
Deposit	11/15/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	174.32
Deposit	11/30/2025	320.5 · Colo Trust - Operating Interest	254.54
Deposit	11/04/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	431.96
Deposit	11/04/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	596.31
Deposit	11/10/2025	371 - Gross EMS Charges	225.00
		1499 - Undeposited Funds	449.60
Deposit	11/13/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	781.85
Deposit	11/17/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	899.69
Deposit	11/17/2025	1499 · Undeposited Funds	1,026.05
Deposit	11/27/2025	1499 - Undeposited Funds	1,310.68
Deposit	11/15/2025	County Taxes	2,181.12
		311 · Current Property Tax	-386.34
		312.3 · Back Tax Interest	-22.25
		313 · Specific Ownership Taxes	-1,784.79
		607 · Treasurer's Fees	12.26

Checks and Expense Report

Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
601 · Salary - Emp & Directors				
11/06/2025	DD1349	Tressan R Passarelli	Direct Deposit	1,935.00
11/20/2025		QuickBooks Payroll Service	Fee for 1 direct deposit(s) at \$1.75 each	1.75
Total 601 · Salary - Emp & Directors				<u>1,936.75</u>
601.1 · .1 Director Stipend				
11/13/2025	16760	Tucker Shrout	October Board Meeting	100.00
Total 601.1 · .1 Director Stipend				<u>100.00</u>
602 · Administrative Expense				
11/03/2025	pos	IAFC	Dues	215.00
11/03/2025	auto	Valero Fleet	#0496006870125	85.00
11/03/2025	auto	Valero Fleet	Interest	7.64
11/05/2025	pos	Hostgator		10.49
11/05/2025	pos	Adobe Acrobat		39.98
11/05/2025	pos	Amazon		
11/06/2025	pos	Wal Mart	Kuergig & Snacks	26.94
11/14/2025	16745	Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center	Jameson Drug Test	63.00
11/14/2025	16747	John Deere Financial	Acct. # 11113-41476	16.47
11/14/2025	16754	Pro Com		45.00
11/14/2025	16755	Emergency Solutions, Inc.	Customer ID CO-05530	150.00
11/14/2025	16756	The Computer Kernel	3697	290.00
11/14/2025	16759	Gobir's, Inc.	Copy Machine	130.85
11/21/2025	pos	Quick Books - Intuit Payroll	DD Fee	70.00
11/28/2025	pos	Microsoft Store		99.99
Total 602 · Administrative Expense				<u>1,250.36</u>
603 · Insurance				
11/06/2025	DD1348	Work Comp		12.07
Total 603 · Insurance				<u>12.07</u>
604 · Professional & Legal Services				
11/13/2025	16761	Cindy Jameson		2,868.97
Total 604 · Professional & Legal Services				<u>2,868.97</u>
11/14/2025	16757	Collins Cole Flynn Winn & Umer, PLLC	7868	50.00
Total 604 · Professional & Legal Services				<u>50.00</u>
				<u>2,918.97</u>

605 · Stations & Grounds									
	11/14/2025	16753	Morningstar Heating and Air					<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total 605 · Stations & Grounds								2,000.00	
606 · Utilities & Phones									
	11/14/2025	16743	Town of La Yeta					85.00	
	11/14/2025	16746	Jade Communications	Acct. # 00060485-1				20.50	
	11/14/2025	16746	Jade Communications	Acct. # 00060485-1				18.00	
	11/14/2025	16750	Mountain Disposal					55.00	
	11/15/2025	Auto	San Isabel Electric	3943400				<u>217.03</u>	
								395.53	
	11/14/2025	16744	Cucharas Sanitation & Water District					110.00	
	11/14/2025	16746	Jade Communications	Acct. # 00060485-1	Inv. # 10051200			164.27	
	11/15/2025	Auto	San Isabel Electric	1706800				<u>61.30</u>	
								335.57	
Total 606 · Utilities & Phones								296.19	
607 · Treasurer's Fees									
	11/06/2025	auto	AT&T	Act # 287353300553				37.86	
	11/15/2025	Auto	San Isabel Electric	1587500				<u>334.05</u>	
								1,065.15	
Total 607 · Treasurer's Fees								12.26	
609 · New Station Loans									
	11/15/2025	Auto	San Isabel Electric - REDLG					<u>2,500.00</u>	
								2,500.00	
Total 609 · New Station Loans								<u>2,500.00</u>	
								11,795.56	
621 · Fed/State Fire Expenses									
	11/19/2025	33462	Leroy Neal Ottis, JR					5,013.19	
	11/19/2025	34496	Leroy Neal Ottis, JR					<u>5,459.11</u>	
Total 621 · Fed/State Fire Expenses								10,472.30	
622 · Salaries									
	11/06/2025	DD1348	Ronald C Jameson	Direct Deposit				<u>1,000.00</u>	
								1,000.00	
Total 622 · Salaries								<u>1,000.00</u>	

624 · Equipment

11/03/2025	auto	Valero Fleet	#0496006870125	85.80
11/14/2025	16749	Acorn Petroleum		77.25
11/19/2025	POS	Loaf N Jug	UTV	76.89
11/19/2025	pos	Sinclair	UTV	69.20
				<u>309.14</u>

11/14/2025	16747	John Deere Financial	Acct # 11113-41476	70.31
11/14/2025	16752	DMJ Services Inc.	04 F550 repair	2,848.91
11/17/2025	pos	McCandless Truck Center, LLC.	E-31	498.13
11/21/2025	pos	Fremont Motor Sports	UTV	347.03
11/24/2025	pos	Big - R of Pueblo		3.66
				<u>3,768.04</u>

11/05/2025	pos	Amazon		122.58
11/14/2025	16758	Unifirst First Aid + Safety	Gas Detector	181.33
				<u>303.91</u>
				<u>4,381.09</u>

Total 624 · Equipment

631 · EMS Expense

11/14/2025	16748	Airgas USA LLC		1,366.75
				<u>1,366.75</u>
				<u>1,366.75</u>

Total 631 · EMS Expense

632 · EMS Director Salary

11/17/2025	DD1351	David E. Mower	Direct Deposit	1,000.00
				<u>1,000.00</u>

Total 632 · EMS Director Salary

633 · EMS Incentives/Salaries

11/06/2025		Social Security - Medicare		461.68
				<u>461.68</u>

11/17/2025	DD1350	Brian C. Jameson	Direct Deposit	75.00
11/17/2025	DD1351	David E. Mower	Direct Deposit	75.00
11/17/2025	DD1351	David E. Mower	Direct Deposit	160.00
11/17/2025	16740	Faith K Brunner		160.00
11/17/2025	DD1352	Gabriel Vigil	Direct Deposit	80.00
11/17/2025	16741	Justin S Jameson		150.00
11/17/2025	16741	Justin S Jameson		100.00

11/17/2025	16741	Justin S Jameson		240.00
11/17/2025	16742	Mark D. Brunner		240.00
11/17/2025	DD1353	Meagan Owens	Direct Deposit	150.00
11/17/2025	DD1353	Meagan Owens	Direct Deposit	275.00
11/17/2025	DD1353	Meagan Owens	Direct Deposit	160.00
11/17/2025	DD1354	Norma Jean Mower	Direct Deposit	75.00
11/17/2025	DD1354	Norma Jean Mower	Direct Deposit	160.00
				<u>2,100.00</u>
				<u>2,561.68</u>

Total 633 · EMS Incentives/Salaries

636 · EMS Equipment

11/03/2025	auto	Valero Fleet	#0496006870125	194.78
				<u>194.78</u>
				<u>194.78</u>

Total 636 · EMS Equipment

637 · EMS Training

11/14/2025	pos	Safeway		41.29
11/16/2025	pos	Charlie's Market		5.20
11/16/2025	pos	La Veta Country Store, LLC.	Supplies	69.93
				<u>116.42</u>
				<u>5,239.63</u>

Total 637 · EMS Training

11/14/2025	16751	Systems Design		823.12
				<u>823.12</u>
				<u>823.12</u>

Chiefs Report 12-11-2025

Department meetings

Second Saturday of each month at 8:00 AM.

Training for the month

Trained at La Veta School. Flowed water from hydrants.

Truck and equipment

Repairs were made on UTV-91

Grant

Need to be looking for more grants

Volunteers

No new volunteers

Fire Calls

1 Mutual aid

5 Auto accident

1 Wild Land

1 Auto Fire

Burn Permits

0 Burn permits

County information

CWPP team is starting the development of the plan.

Stations

Station 1 repairs are still in process on heating system.

Time and Miles

Hours 72

Miles 260

La Veta Fire Protection District
EMS Monthly Report
November 2025
Board of Director's Meeting
December 11, 2025

Training: Training for November was held on 11/15 & 16/2025. Training consisted of IV Skills labs and instruction for the EMT that are currently working to attain their IV certification. All EMS Providers were welcome and received CE Credits for 10 Hours of training.

Maintenance: No maintenance on any ambulances was required in the month of October.

Colorado Ground Ambulance Licensing: Norma will report on the requirements of the new Colorado Ground Ambulance Licensing requirements. There will be an enormous amount of work needed to prepare for licensing by July 1, 2026.

Personnel & Applications: No new applications have been received for membership in November.

EMS Calls: There were 13 calls for service in November. 7 Patients were transported to SPRHC. 6 PCR's resulted in no transport due to no ambulance needed or patient refusals. (see attached report)