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CHARLES TOWN, WV (August 23, 2022) - On Thursday, August 18th, at regular meeting of the third quarterly session, the Jefferson County Commission voted unanimously to task the leadership of the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency with the work necessary to complete the transition of county emergency medical services from a free-standing agency to an integrated County department, as decided earlier in August.

The Commission was considering hiring an outside consultant as project manager for the transition when the leadership of the JCESA stepped forward to offer their expertise and to urge the Commissioners to rely on them.

The effort will be led by JCESA Director Bob Burner, who began his career as a volunteer with the Shepherdstown Fire Department. Director Burner and County Administrator Nissel will work closely together over the coming months, with the goal of completing the integration by March 1, 2023. The decision to manage this transition in-house will provide a cost savings to Jefferson County residents, and the ESA will continue to operate under the direction of the JCESA Board until the go-live date.

In developing the scope of work for the potential consultant, County Administrator Nissel identified 22 key deliverables, available for view on the county website at <https://www.jeffersoncountywv.org/county-government/elected-officials/county-commission/ems-transition>, which will now become the responsibility of the JCESA. Director Burner and County Administrator Nissel will provide the Commission with regular status reports and will craft a public facing dashboard so Jefferson County residents can monitor progress directly.

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