



JEFFERSON COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES AGENCY

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Clarifying Information for Residents: Answer to Inquires

On May 18, 2023 the Commission adopted a revised Ordinance dissolving the Jefferson County Emergency Services Board of Directors and moving the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency (JCESA) under the direct supervision of the County Commission as a County department.

In addition to the direct statement in the new JCESA Ordinance thanking the ESA Board of Directors for their service Letters to the former Board of Directors will go out on Friday June 2, 2023 formally notifying them of the decision as well as thanking them for their exemplary service.

The new department will continue to be called the Jefferson County Emergency Services Agency (JCESA). It will perform the same functions as the current ESA, but will be run directly by the Commission, under the supervision of the ESA Director, who will report to the County Administrator.

- The same ambulance units will respond to emergency calls, just with new wrapping identifying them as units of Jefferson County.
- Ambulance billing rates will remain the same, and our third-party billing contractor will also remain the same. The only change will be the return address on the envelope will be the JCESA instead of the individual fire companies.
- Our JCESA employees won't see a change either – they will receive the same paycheck and the same benefits.

The transition process may take several more months, but once the process is complete, and all personnel, duties, and licenses are transferred to the County, the public corporation and its associated FEIN number will be dissolved and under the operation of the County's FEIN.

Official meeting minutes from the former JCESA governing Board of Directors are not available since official meeting minutes must be approved by the Board. However, as this is a matter of public interest, we are making an *unofficial summary* of the last two meetings available to be viewed in person at the County Commissions office by appointment and once transcribed published on the County's website.

If anyone has questions or if anyone wishes to just express their concerns, please reach out to the Commission's office and the County Administrator.

Respectfully,

Makayla Zonfrilli
County Administrator
Jefferson County

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*JCESA is an equal opportunity emergency service provider,
Employer, and community partner of Jefferson County WV.*