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MEETING MINUTES

KNIK PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING
STATION 6-2

4568 SOUTH KNIK-GOOSE BAY ROAD, WASILLA

ASSEMBLY SPECIAL MEETING

10:00 AM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Saturday, August 2, 2025, at the Knik Public Safety Building, Station 6-2, 4568 South Knik-Goose Bay Road, Wasilla, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee (entered at 10:06 a.m.), Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov, and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

Excused: 1 - Assemblymember Tim Hale

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carter Cole, City of Houston Mayor.

V. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Three Minutes Per Person.)

The following person thanked everyone for hosting and attending the meeting and spoke to the importance of the topics being discussed: Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office.

VI. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

A. Public Safety Discussion

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Regional Opportunities

Mr. Brown, Borough Manager, led the discussion regarding:

- *regional public safety issues.

Discussion continued led by Leon Morgan, State of Alaska Department of Public Safety Deputy Commissioner:

- *local crime statistics; and

- *budget.

Mr. Brown, led the discussion regarding:

- *regional public safety facility with the option of space for the Alaska State Troopers.

The meeting recessed at 11:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Discussion continued led by Mr. Brown:

- *potential consolidation of regional dispatch facilities; and

- *consolidation of areawide animal care services.

VII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENT

Glenda Ledford, City of Wasilla Mayor, stated the meeting went well and spoke to the quality of the Mat-Su and future of dispatching.

Shane Bozeman, City of Palmer Police Chief, thanked everyone for a good meeting.

Carter Cole, City of Houston Mayor, spoke to it being a good meeting.

Assemblymember McKee spoke to the proposed consolidations.

Assemblymember Bernier said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers thanked Manager Brown for organizing the meeting.

Assemblymember Sumner thanked everyone for the meeting and spoke to the proposed dispatch center.

Assemblymember Gamble spoke to the local court system, Cler consolidated dispatch center, and asked for further stats on drug and property related crimes.

Assemblymember Fonov echoed Assemblymember Gamble's request for further stats.

Mr. Brown thanked everyone and spoke to the good conversation had.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

August 2, 2025, Assembly Special Meeting Minutes

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 09/02/25