

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-26**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE  
COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO**

**A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING THE DUTIES OF COUNTYWIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FROM THE COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE TO THE OFFICE OF SHERIFF THROUGH THE CREATION OF THE SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION.**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. §24-33.5-707, each county shall maintain a local disaster agency responsible for the coordination of disaster preparedness, prevention, mitigation, response, and recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-707, the governing body of the appointing jurisdiction shall appoint a director or coordinator for each local disaster agency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Summit County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") has maintained an Office of Emergency Preparedness as the local disaster agency to plan for and respond to potential emergencies in Summit County since August 1, 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC transferred the Office of Emergency Management "OEM" to the Summit County Sheriff's Office ("SCSO") pursuant to Summit County Resolution 2003-31 on April 14, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC transferred the OEM from the SCSO to the Summit County Managers Office on September 1, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the BOCC finds that due to the nature of the services provided by the SCSO and its institutional knowledge regarding emergency response, the functions of emergency management are better situated within the management structure of the SCSO.

**WHEREAS**, the SCSO has the resources to support a new Emergency Management Division (EMD).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SUMMIT, STATE OF COLORADO THAT:**

1. This Resolution supersedes and replaces Summit County Resolution 2003-31 and any other previous resolutions appointing the Director of Summit County Emergency Management.
2. The newly designated Summit County Sheriff's Office EMD will be the authority for all statutory and other matters of countywide emergency management.
3. A Director of Emergency Management will be appointed by and be accountable to the Sheriff. The position of Director of Emergency Management will be charged with carrying out, or delegating to their duly appointed designee within the SCSO, the following duties in accordance with C.R.S. § 24-33.5-707 and any other applicable laws and regulations:

- a. Maintain an agency responsible for emergency preparedness and response for Summit County commensurate with industry standards and best practices.
  - b. Keep the Summit County Sheriff fully informed of the tasks, projects and activities carried out by the EMD.
  - c. Prepare and keep current a local or interjurisdictional disaster emergency plan for Summit County.
  - d. Prepare and distribute to all appropriate officials, in written form, a clear and complete statement of the emergency responsibilities of all local agencies and of the disaster chain of command.
  - e. Develop and coordinate implementation of a training plan to familiarize county, municipal, and other emergency officials with the provisions of the local emergency operations plan.
4. The position of Director of Emergency Management shall carry out the responsibilities mandated in C.R.S. § 24-33.5-707. The Director of Emergency Management shall obtain written approval from the Sheriff prior to:
- a. Delegating any responsibilities as Director of the EMD.
  - b. Expending any money for the EMD other than approved authorities through existing County Resolution.

**ADOPTED THIS 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2023.**

**COUNTY OF SUMMIT  
STATE OF COLORADO  
BY AND THROUGH ITS  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



  
Joshua Blanchard, Chair

**ATTEST:**



Taryn Power, Clerk & Recorder