Special meeting with TLMFPD
Residents asked why DWFPD had not officially posted the special dinner meet-

hammer out an IGA so that TLMFPD would reimburse DWFPD for those calls, 

which are mostly medical. This would be separate from the current IGA with TLM-

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No agreement has been made yet. See related TLMFPD article on page 1.

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Village Center Metro District repeats request for town help

At the Jan. 3 Monument Board of Trust-
estees meeting, Village Center Metro District (VCMD) residents again asked the town for help fixing the damage done to VCMD’s financial situation by town-approved actions in 2004 and 2014. The trustees also approved three land use ordinances: two in Sanctuary Pointe and one for the Jackson Creek Market Village townhome replat.

Trustee Dennis Murphy was ex-
cused. Town Manager Chris Lowe was absent.

Village Center Metro
District request rebuffed by town

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Monument Board of Trustees, Jan. 3

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Trustees meeting, Village Center

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