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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
Fr: David Feldpausch, EMS Director
Date: 05/04/2021
Re: Resolution Authorizing the purchase of a new Ambulance & budget Amendment

The EMS department was in a capital replacement hole when I took over. We had a plan to dig ourselves out of that hole but over the weekend we had a critical failure (blown engine) on our oldest (2012) and highest mileage (300,000) unit. We were hoping to keep this unit in a backup role and get through 2021 and it was scheduled for replacement in early 2022.

This unit is not worth the cost to repair based on its age and condition. The initial engine replacement estimate was around \$8,000.00. This unit is also not a candidate for a remount based on its condition and age. The original manufacture is no longer producing this unit so replacement parts are difficult at best to find.

We have been aware for some time that there was a shortage of chassis available to build or remount ambulances on. Production was stopped earlier this year because of a computer chip shortage. As of today there are only 1 or 2 immediately available that would meet our needs. This increases the urgency of this request and prompted my request to bypass the usual General Government meeting as we had just missed the deadline.

EMS is having a good year financially with run volume at our 2019 level and revenue ahead of schedule. I have little doubt that we would be able to fund this additional vehicle within the budget. Just to be safe I am also requesting to transfer the cost of the ambulance replacement (\$202,343.72) in to the budget from funds we saved last year in capital replacement. It will be our intent to return these funds to the capital replacement fund in December once we have a more complete picture of our fiscal year.

Again I sincerely apologize for not having the time to run this request through General Government and the usual board process. If we do not get one of the few available chassis, we may be looking at 12 months to get another and build a new ambulance.

If you have any questions or comments, I always welcome them.

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