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Memorandum

To: Livingston County Board of Commissioners
Fr: David Feldpausch, EMS Director
Date: 11/28/2022
Re: Resolution Authorizing the purchase of two new ambulances in 2023

I know this request may seem a bit premature but 2023 looks to be a very challenging year for ambulance acquisition. There are no chassis available to purchase anywhere for ambulance use and those that were ordered for us the manufacture will not build. I have been on top of this pressing issue for many months, and I cannot express how fortunate that we are to have this opportunity.

Our plan for 2023 was to remount 4 ambulances to keep pace with our replacement plan. With no chassis available that simply will not be an option for us. Ambulance replacement continues to be a huge challenge because of the shortage of chassis available from the manufactures and the back log of orders to get a new ambulance. A new ambulance order is approximately 18 - 24 months from order to delivery.

I was able to hold the last 2 demo ambulances meeting our specification that are available from our vendor to help ensure we stay on track with our fleet acquisition. If we do not purchase these two ambulances, I do not know if or when we will be able to purchase another. Options are very few and far between even if we chose to accept a vehicle that does not meet our current specification.

This problem has the potential to cripple or close any ambulance service that has not been extremely proactive in vehicle acquisition. We will be aggressively searching for additional options as there is no end in sight to this problem and the back log of orders for new ambulances continues to grow.

These demo ambulances are identical to the one that was authorized for purchase by the board in November. The cost for this ambulance is \$289,279.65 the same price we paid for the last one. Our new contract price for 2023 is \$298,242,99. This purchase not only gets us the only two ambulances I can find that meet our specifications it does so at a lower cost (-\$17,926.68) than we would have paid if we could have ordered new.

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

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