

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07-\_\_R**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY, THE CITY OF ELM SPRINGS, THE CITY OF JOHNSON, AND WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS REGARDING THE FINANCING OF AMBULANCE SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS**, the city of Tontitown, Arkansas, currently provides ambulance services pursuant to an agreement with the city of Springdale, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, the city of Springdale will cease to provide such services on December 31, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-910, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-20-101, and Ark. Code Ann. § 14-266-102 authorize cities and counties to enter into contracts to cooperate or join with each other to provide emergency and non-emergency medical services and to specify the responsibilities of the parties thereto; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued provision of ambulance services is crucial to the continued health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city of Tontitown.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the city of Tontitown, Arkansas:

Section 1: That the City Council hereby approves the attached agreement with the Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority, the city of Johnson, Arkansas, the city of Elm Springs, Arkansas, and Washington County, Arkansas, concerning the provision of ambulance services for the city of Tontitown after December 31, 2015.

Section 2: That the Mayor and Recorder are hereby authorized and directed to execute the attached agreement concerning the provision of ambulance services, and are further authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate this purpose. A copy of said agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein as if set out word for word.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015.

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PAUL COLVIN, JR., Mayor

ATTEST:

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RHONDA ARDEMAGNI, Deputy Recorder

AGREEMENT  
FOR FINANCING OF AMBULANCE SERVICES

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR FINANCING AMBULANCE SERVICES ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and between WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY ("WCRAA"), WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, ("County") and the cities of ELM SPRINGS, TONTITOWN and JOHNSON ("Cities").

WHEREAS, A.C.A. §14-14-910, A.C.A. §25-20-101, and A.C.A. §14-266-102 authorize cities and counties to enter into contracts to co-operate or join with each other to provide emergency and non-emergency medical services and to specify the responsibilities of all parties; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale, which had previously provided ambulance coverage to the Cities of Elm Springs, Tontitown and the northern half of the City of Johnson and the unincorporated areas of northern Washington County, will cease to provide such coverage on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, providing ambulance coverage to the areas no longer served by the City of Springdale will require the purchase of an additional ambulance with related equipment and the training and employment of additional personnel; and

WHEREAS, all parties acknowledge that the continued provision of ambulance service is crucial for the continued health and safety of the residents of the named Cities and the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Cities of Elm Springs and Tontitown do not currently participate in WCRAA as established in an Interlocal Agreement in 2008, but anticipate participation beginning in 2016; and,

WHEREAS, all parties acknowledge that the continuing operation of WCRAA will require close and continued cooperation of all parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED:

ARTICLE 1. FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

(a) For and in consideration of WCRAA providing regular ambulance service to the areas formerly covered by the City of Springdale, each city and the County shall contribute to training and employment of new personnel as follows:

- (1) From the City of Elm Springs: \$23,698;
- (2) From the City of Johnson: \$28,222;
- (3) From the City of Tontitown: \$37,979; and

(4) From Washington County: \$99,734.

(b) The contributions from the City of Johnson and Washington County shall be in addition to, over and above the contributions those entities are now making through the 2008 Interlocal Agreement establishing WCRAA.

(c) Each entity may pay out its individual obligations in four (4) equal monthly installments beginning on August 15, 2015 and continuing in like fashion on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of each month until the final payment on November 15, 2015.

ARTICLE 2. EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL BY WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY.

The parties acknowledge that the personnel hired pursuant to this Interlocal Agreement shall be the employees of WCRAA. WCRAA will assume full responsibility for human resources obligations for said personnel.

ARTICLE 3. SEVERABILITY.

The provisions of this Agreement are declared to be severable. If any provision hereof shall be held to be invalid or to be inapplicable to any person or circumstance, such holdings shall not affect the ability or the applicability of the remainder hereof.

ARTICLE 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Agreement shall not be effective until approved and signed by all parties in accordance with the law.

**IN WITNESS HERETO**, Washington County Regional Ambulance Authority, Washington County and the Cities of Elm Springs, Johnson, and Tontitown have executed this document by their duly elected officers who are authorized to represent the respective parties hereto in assuring the rights and obligations set forth herein this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marilyn Edwards, County Judge

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Lewallen, County Clerk

**WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL AMBULANCE AUTHORITY**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Becky Stewart, Executive Director

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bruce Ledford, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ernie Penn, Secretary of the Board

**CITY OF ELM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Harold Douthit, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Glenda Pettus, City Clerk

**CITY OF JOHNSON, ARKANSAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Keeney, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Allen, Recorder/Treasurer

**CITY OF TONTITOWN, ARKANSAS**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Paul Colvin, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Ardemagni, Deputy Recorder



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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, A RESOLUTION  
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE QUORUM  
COURT'S INTENT TO COMMIT TO THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY REGIONAL AMBULANCE  
AUTHORITY EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONSE  
PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City of Springdale will be discontinuing  
emergency medical service response outside of their city limits beginning January 1, 2016;  
and,

WHEREAS, the Washington County Regional Ambulance  
Authority (WCRAA) has studied this matter and presented its plan to the Quorum Court;  
and,

WHEREAS, said plan includes the addition of one ambulance  
and an additional night crew to provide emergency medical service to the cities of  
Tontitown, Elm Springs, north Johnson, and northeastern Washington County at a level  
that meets the response time standards of the WCRAA while continuing the current  
response times provided by the Springdale Fire Department; and,

WHEREAS, said plan includes the necessary start-up costs  
for 2015 to cover wages for training new employees, the financing of an ambulance and  
equipment, and the subsidy dollar amount increase necessary for the next five-year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE QUORUM  
COURT OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON, STATE OF ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. The Quorum Court hereby commits to the plan  
presented by WCRAA, and will plan to budget accordingly for the next 5-year period.

  
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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

6/22/15  
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DATE

  
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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: Rick Cochran  
Date of Passage: June 22, 2015  
Votes For: 14 Votes Against: 0  
Abstention: 0 Absent: 1

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**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT  
OF THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON,  
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE  
TO BE ENTITLED:**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING THE AMOUNT  
OF \$99,734 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE  
AMBULANCE SERVICE BUDGET FOR 2015.**

**ARTICLE 1.** There is hereby appropriated the amount of \$99,734 from the General Fund to the Medical/Dental/Hospital Line Item in the Ambulance Service Budget (10000301-3006) for 2015.

**ARTICLE 2.** Said appropriation will be divided into four (4) equal monthly installments to Central EMS, to be paid on or before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month beginning August, 2015.

  
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MARILYN EDWARDS, County Judge

6/22/15  
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DATE

  
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BECKY LEWALLEN, County Clerk

Sponsor: Rick Cochran  
Date of Passage: June 18, 2015  
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Abstention: 0 Absent: 1