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RESOLUTION # 2019-06

GERAL HARRISON
COUNTY & CIRCUIT CLERK
GRANT COUNTY, AR
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Be it resolved by the Quorum Court of Grant County, Arkansas a resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AND GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS, WHICH GRANTS THE LITTLE ROCK AMBULANCE AUTHORITY ("LRAA") D/B/A METROPOLITAN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ("MEMS") AN EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE AMBULANCE SERVICES TO GRANT COUNTY, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the County currently has an interlocal agreement between the City of Little Rock and Grant County for the Little Rock Ambulance Authority ("LRAA") d/b/a Metropolitan Emergency Medical Services ("MEMS") to operate pursuant to an exclusive franchise to provide all ambulance services (emergency and non-emergency); and

WHEREAS, according to AR article 14-22-106 a renewal or an extension of the term of an existing contract is exempted from soliciting bids; and

WHEREAS, Grant County and the City of Little Rock wish to extend said interlocal agreement to continue such exclusive franchise for ambulance services to Grant County; and

WHEREAS, Grant County and the City of Little Rock have entered into interlocal agreements for ambulance service since 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Quorum Court believes that it is beneficial to continue to have MEMS provide ambulance services to Grant County and thereby promote the health and welfare of the citizens of Grant County, and

WHEREAS, Grant County and MEMS have agreed to a financial subsidy for 2020.

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

Section 1. The Quorum Court authorizes the County Judge to enter into a three (3) year extension of the interlocal agreement with the City of Little Rock, Arkansas granting MEMS an exclusive franchise to provide ambulance services (emergency and non-emergency) to Grant County, beginning January 1, 2020.

Section 2. Grant County will pay a subsidy to MEMS in 2020 in the approximate amount of forty six thousand and thirty seven dollars (\$46,037) to defray the cost of MEMS' delivery of ambulance service in the County. Grant County will pay a subsidy to MEMS in 2021 and 2022 in an amount to be determined.

Section 3. For purposes of this resolution, the term "ambulance service" shall include the transportation and care provided the critically ill or injured prior to arrival at a medical facility and within

a medical facility subject to the individual approval of the medical staff and governing board of the facility, and further the transport to or from medical facilities including but not limited to hospitals, nursing homes, physician's offices, and other health care facilities, of persons who are infirm or injured and who are transported in a reclining position or who are ill but considered to be non-emergency in status and who request ambulance transportation.

Section 4. Severability. In the event any portion of this resolution is declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration or adjudication shall not affect the remaining portions of this resolution, which shall remain in full force and effect as if the portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional was not originally a part of this resolution.

Section 5. Repealer. All ordinances and resolutions, and parts thereof, which are in conflict with any provision of this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION: NOVEMBER 18, 2019



County Judge Randy Pruitt



County Clerk Gerald Harrison