

AGENDA ITEM # 22

February 3, 1998

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Consider declaring an emergency and acknowledging additional revenue for EMS fee:

100-342-8000 Fees and Donations \$287,774.00

Moved: Commissioner Hays

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To declare an emergency and acknowledge additional revenue for EMS fee:

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Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0 with Commissioner Mehevec absent from the dais.
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AN ORDER DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND A GRAVE PUBLIC NECESSITY DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES AND APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 100-540-EMS

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DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT HAS CAREFULLY STUDIED THE PUBLIC NECESSITY OF INCREASING THE ESTIMATED REVENUES DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR; AND

WHEREAS, THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT, DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES, DID NOT ESTIMATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR THESE NECESSARY REVENUES; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED BY THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT THAT AN EMERGENCY AND GRAVE PUBLIC NECESSITY DOES EXIST DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES.

WHEREAS, ON THE 3rd DAY OF Feb, 1998, A MOTION MADE BY Commissioner Hays AND SECONDED BY Judge Doerfler THE MOTION CARRIED BY A VOTE OF 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, with Commissioner Mehevec absent from the dais.

WHEREAS, THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT HAS DECLARED AN EMERGENCY AND A GRAVE PUBLIC NECESSITY DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE MATTER OF ESTIMATING NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEPARTMENT; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT THE 1998 FISCAL YEAR WILLIAMSON COUNTY BUDGET BE AMENDED TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL REVENUE AND THE FOLLOWING AMOUNT BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEM:

ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
100-342-8000	FEEES AND DONATIONS	\$287,774.00

WHEREUPON, A MOTION DULY MADE AND SECONDED, THE WILLIAMSON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DID AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE TO SIGN THIS ORDER, THE COUNTY CLERK WAS INSTRUCTED TO FILE A COPY OF THIS ORDER WITH THE EXISTING BUDGET, AND TO FORWARD A COPY OF THIS ORDER TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

John C. Doerfler 2-3-98
JOHN C. DOERFLER, COUNTY JUDGE

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ATTEST:

Elaine Bizzell
ELAINE BIZZELL, COUNTY CLERK



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Williamson County Emergency Medical Service

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(512) 352-3661 - Taylor
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1994 Texas EMS System of the Year

305 Martin Luther King St.
P.O. Box 873
Georgetown, Texas 78627

January 26, 1998

Williamson County Commissioners Court
Williamson County Court House
710 Main Street
Georgetown, TX 78626

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I received from the Liberty Hill Fire Department dated 12-15-97. I was completely caught off guard at their request to stop transporting patients in the near future. Liberty Hill VFD has been an integral part of our EMS system over the last twenty years. And although they will still participate as "first responders," we will miss their services as a transporting agency.

The following is an approximation of what it will cost to do a mid year addition. Please note that I do not have any cost for housing or rent included in this proposal.

1100	Salary	5-paramedics, 1-lieutenant	144,556.11
2000	Benefits		36,683.11
3100	Office Supplies		250.00
3200	EMS Supplies		20,000.00
3301	Gas & Oil		6,000.00
3311	Uniforms		1,700.00
3399	Miscellaneous Supplies		300.00
4101	Collection Fees		12,000.00
4211	Telephone		1,000.00
4541	Vehicle Repairs		8,000.00
4999	Miscellaneous		500.00
5700	Ambulance		38,785.00 ↗
5750	Furniture		3,000.00
5790	Miscellaneous Capital	1-EKG Monitor, 1-Computer	15,000.00

Total: \$287,774.22

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After speaking with our billing office I am confident that we will generate enough revenue to offset the increase in our budget.

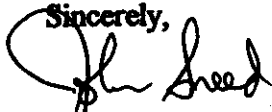
I know that this comes as much of a surprise to you as it does to me. However I must state that

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we use this unit on a daily basis and that it would cause us some difficulty in covering the entire County without a third ambulance on the Hwy 183 corridor. I know this is a difficult decision, but I must state that this was an unexpected turn of events for all of us. I would also like for you to note that it has been my intention to open a new station in Leander during the FY99 budget. A decision to approve this project would just move up that starting date.

I look forward to your guidance and input on this matter. If I can be of any service or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call. Together we can better serve the citizens of Williamson County.

Sincerely,



John Sneed
Director

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LIBERTY HILL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

P. O. Box 443

Liberty Hill, Texas 78642

Fire Calls 778-5111

December 15, 1997

John Sneed EMT-P
Williamson County EMS
P.O. Box 873
Georgetown, Texas 78627

Dear John,

It is with much thought and collaborated consideration from the members of this department, that I write you this letter.

We, the members of LHVFD, have decided that we can no longer run an EMS unit in Liberty Hill. There are many reasons for this decision and all were thought out by the members with a unanimous decision to turn the unit back over to the County.

Our decision was brought to our board of directors and they are in agreement with our decision.

You have been a great support to us and have always given us the respect that our members deserve. This decision is in no way a reflection on you. I, and the department, have the utmost respect for you and the very difficult job you do.

Our call volume continues to increase and our volunteer staff continues to decrease. All of our members have families and full-time jobs. We have decided that it is time for our members to have a life too.

We have ran an ambulance service for well over a decade and have done an excellent job. We want to go out on good terms with the County and the members of our community.

I ask that you support us in our decision with sympathetic understanding of our situation. My volunteers are simply at the burn-out stage and need the freedom from transports.

We will continue to have a first-responders organization through the Fire Department and will continue to make calls and assist your paid units to the best of our abilities.

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Once again, I want to thank you for your trust, faith and excellent leadership that you have given us through the many years past. We do not currently have a time frame for turning the unit back to you. We are asking that we be able to turn the unit back in a timely manner and keep this end of the County covered with EMS services.

Please feel free to call me and meet with myself and the fire chief at your convenience. We can iron out time frames when we meet.

Kind regards,


Danny Goodson RT(R)(CV), EMT-P
EMS Coordinator-LHVFD

cc: Board of Directors, LHVFD

George Sybert, Fire Chief
Hm Phn: 778 6403
DP: 208 1431

Danny Goodson, EMS Coordinator
Hm Phn: 515 6672
DP: 612 2270

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100-540-3399 Miscellaneous Supplies	300.00
100-540-4101 Collection Fees	12,000.00
100-540-4211 Telephone	1,000.00
100-540-4541 Vehicle Repairs	8,000.00
100-540-4999 Miscellaneous	500.00
100-540-5700 Ambulance	38,785.00
100-540-5750 Furniture & Equipment	3,000.00
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Seconded: Judge Doerfler

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