BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2003

9:00 A.M.

-Convene

-Pledge of Allegiance

PROCLAMATION

- Proclaim the week of April 6-12 as "Crime Victims Rights Week" (Christine Kenney)

CONSENT AGENDA

(1) (a) Consider approval of Commission Orders

(b) Consider approval to purchase one (1) patrol vehicle (Jackie Waggoner)

REGULAR AGENDA

(2) Consider approval to upgrade dictaphone recording equipment (Jackie Waggoner)

(3) Consider approval of Ambulance Fee Structure (Jim McSwain)

(4) Other Business

(a) Consider approval of Accounts Payable (if necessary)

(b) Appointments

(c) Miscellaneous

(d) Public Comment

(5) Adjourn

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2003

-Public hearing regarding Petition for Attachment of Land to Rural Water District #4 (Steve Garlow)

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2003

9:00 A.M.

-Canvass city & school general elections

MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2003

9:00 A.M.

-Proclamation designating the week of April 7th as Public Health Week

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2003

6:35 P.M.

-Consider approval of request for Temporary Business Permit from Coal Creek Farms to host a "Wild West Days." Property is located at 1676 N 1000 Road and consists of 174 acres. (Keith Dabney)

MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2003

-Consider approval of FY2004 Community Corrections Plan (Ron Stegall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2003

6:35 P.M.

-Report from Douglas County Extension on Rural Urban Issues Seminar (Trudy Rice)

MONDAY, MAY 5, 2003

-Proclaim the month of May as "Mental Health Month"

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2003

-No Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2003

-Planning item: CUP-12-16-02: Conditional Use Permit request for Eudora Quarry #68. The property is generally described as being located at the northwest corner of N 1200 Road and E 2400 Road. Requested by N.R. Hamm Quarry, Inc., for Katherine L. Neis, property owner of record) (Brian Pedrotti)

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2003

-Memorial Day – No Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003

-No Commission Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2003

-Light Agenda

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2003

-No Commission Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003

-No Commission Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2003

-No Commission Meeting

MONDAY, JULY 14, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

MONDAY, JULY 21, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

MONDAY, JULY 28, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2003

-Light agenda or no meeting

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: *The threat and reality of terrorism have challenged all Americans to realize the devastating consequences of violent crime, and their important roles in providing support to individuals and communities who are victimized; and*

WHEREAS: *Crime and the threat of violence have profound and devastating effects on individuals, families and communities in America; and*

WHEREAS: *Over 24 million people in the United States are touched by crime each year; and*

WHEREAS: *Victims of crime in every state have statutory rights to be kept informed of and involved in criminal and juvenile justice processes, and to be afforded protections, restitution and accountability from their offenders; and*

WHEREAS: *America as a nation continues to face threats to our personal and public safety, and continues to commit its collective energies to help our fellow citizens who are hurt by crime;*

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS *does hereby proclaim the week of April 6-12, 2003 as*

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

in Douglas County, Kansas.

ADOPTED *this 31st day of March, 2003.*

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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Bob Johnson, Chairman

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Jere McElhaney, Member

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Charles Jones, Member

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Douglas County

MEMO TO: The Board of County Commissioners
Craig Weinaug, County Administrator

FROM: Jackie Waggoner, Purchasing Agent
Division of Purchasing

SUBJECT: Authorize the Purchase of a Patrol Vehicle

DATE: March 27, 2003

On March 16th a 2002 Sheriff's patrol vehicle was involved in an accident and has been considered totaled. The settlement payment for this vehicle was $15,727.45.

In order to replace this vehicle we contacted the dealership, Gary Hardy Dodge, who was awarded the ten (10) patrol vehicles on December 30, 2002. Gary Hardy Dodge has indicated they could honor their unit cost of $16,707.50 for a 2003 Dodge Intrepid patrol vehicle. The cost difference of $980.05 would be paid from the Sheriff's budget.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of County Commissioners approve the purchase of one (1) 2003 Dodge Intrepid in the amount of $16,707.50 from Gary Hardy Dodge.

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Douglas County

MEMO TO: The Board of County Commissioners
Craig Weinaug, County Administrator

FROM: Jackie Waggoner, Purchasing Agent
Division of Purchasing

SUBJECT: Consider Upgrade of Dictaphone Recording Equipment

DATE: March 27, 2003

In 1998 the County purchased a 911 recording system from Dictaphone. This recording equipment is approximately 8-10 year old technology. While the equipment has become obsolete, Dictaphone has been able to continue to provide service and support. However, our annual maintenance contract has recently exceeded $10,000. The table below provides our anticipated maintenance cost for 5 years, compared to options to upgrade the equipment (lease/purchase; including 5 years of maintenance).

EXISTING EQUIPMENT	UPGRADE OPTIONS	
FUTURE MAINTENANCE COST	PURCHASE	LEASE
Year 1: $10,893 Year 2: $11,982 Year 3: $13,180 Year 4: $14,498 Year 5: $15,947 **Total $66,500**	$32,416 (incl. 5 years maintenance)	$41,054.85 (incl. 5 years maintenance; own equipment at the end of lease)
5 Year Avg. Annual Cost $13,300		5 year lease/monthly $ 726.12 (-) avg. monthly maintenance $1,108.34 **Net Investment $ (382.22)**
5 Year Avg. Monthly Cost $1,108		5 year lease/year $ 8,210.97 (-) 5-year annual main. avg. $13,300.00 **Net Investment $ (5,089.03)**

Although Dictaphone provided projected maintenance cost for the next five years, they may not be able to continue service for this period of time. As you can see, either upgrade option (purchase/lease) would provide a substantially savings. Based on available funds Jim Denney is interested in pursuing the purchase option. The savings from this option over five years would be $34,084.00. Funds are available in the 911 equipment reserve for this expenditure. The upgrade cost proposed would increase by at least $10,000 in the bidding process.

SUGGESTED MOTION: The Board of County Commissioners accepts the purchase option of $32,416 to upgrade the 911 recording system submitted by Dictaphone.

LAWRENCE
DOUGLAS COUNTY

February 25, 2003

TO: MIKE WILDGEN
CITY MANAGER

CRAIG WEINAUG
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: JAMES A. McSWAIN
CHIEF

SUBJECT: AMBULANCE FEE STRUCTURE

Lawrence Douglas County Fire and Medical proposes the attached ambulance fee structure. The increase in fees are necessary to make an adjustment for fees to fall in the current market price for service, reduction in CMS (Medicare) reimbursement over the next 3 years (we will be maximizing the current allowable payment by Medicare) and an attempt to recover from the governor's unilateral cuts in state transfer payments. We would propose raising the base rates for all service levels by $75.00 except ALS2, raising it by $125.00. Mileage would also be increased by $1.25 per mile. Cities across the country are adjusting their ambulance fees to meet the challenge of increase in service requests with fewer funds to provide them. We feel the additional charges are prudent by having the user pay as much as possible for the services and the fact that there is no hardship to the community. As you know the costs of providing an ambulance service exceed the revenue. We are continually working to improve or overall collection rate. This is being achieved through a reorganization of how we process claims to the use of a new city wide collection agency.

Our projections indicate an additional $279,300.00 in revenue with the increase in ambulance fees. This projection is based on our current collection rate and on actual revenues during FY 2000-2002.

Attachments

746 Kentucky Street • Lawrence, Kansas 66044-2334 • 785-832-7600 • fax 785-832-3040 • e-mail: Firemed@ci.lawrence.ks.us

Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical
Charges for Ambulance Service-Proposed
2003

Ambulance Service Fees

ALS 2 Service -	$500.00
ALS 1 Emergency ALS Service -	$450.00
Emergency No ALS Service -	$375.00
Non-Emergency ALS Service -	$275.00
Non-Emergency No ALS Service -	$250.00
Mileage	$ 5.50 / mile
Services originating outside Douglas County -	$150.00 + Base + Mileage

Emergency Unit Stand-By Service Fee

Ambulance	$ 25.00 / ¼ hour, 2 hour minimum + mileage from nearest department station.

Wait Time

$25.00 / ¼ hour.

Additional Attendant

$50.00 / member

Note: Exemption for City of Lawrence, Douglas County and Emergency Services Personnal

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Ambulance Service Fee Definitions

ALS 2 – All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service provided where at lease three medications and one ALS procedure is provided.

ALS 1 – All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service where specialized services are provided.

Emergency No ALS Service Provided-All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service where no specialized services are provided.

Non-Emergency ALS Service-All inclusive advanced life support routine scheduled service with specialized services provided.

Non-Emergency No ALS Service-All inclusive advanced life support routine scheduled service with no specialized services provided.

2002 Market Study

AMR-TOPEKA
- ALS 1: $588.53
- BLS (Emergency): $372.13
- Mileage: $7.44

COFFEY COUNTY EMS:
- ALS 1 (Emergency): $665.00
- ALS 1 (Non-Emergency): $420.00
- ALS 2 (Emergency): $965.00
- ALS 2 (Specialty Care Transport): $1,150.00
- BLS (Emergency): $560.00
- BLS (Non-Emergency): $350.00
- Mileage: $8.00/loaded patient mile anywhere.
- Oxygen: $16.00

COFFEYVILLE EMS:
- ALS (Emergency): $600.00
- ALS (Emergency): $775.00
- ALS 2 (Specialty Care Transport): $775.00
- ALS Transfer (Out-of-Town): $500.00
- BLS (Emergency): $500.00
- Mileage: $10.00/loaded patient mile anywhere.
- Non-Emergency Transfer: $200.00

LENEXA FIRE DEPARTMENT:
MEDACT
- ALS 2: $425.00
- ALS 1: $300.00
- BLS (Emergency): $225.00
- Mileage: $5.50

MORRIS COUNTY EMS:
- BLS (Non-Emergency): $350.00
- BLS (Emergency): $500.00
- ALS 1 (Non-Emergency): $500.00
- ALS 1 (Emergency): $600.00
- ALS 2: $800.00
- ALS (Specialty Care Transport): $800.00
- Mileage $7.50/loaded patient mile anywhere.

OVERLAND PARK FIRE DEPARTMENT:
- ALS 2: $425.00
- ALS 1: $300.00
- BLS (Emergency): $295.00
- Mileage: $5.50

RILEY COUNTY EMS:
- BLS (Non-Emergency): $350.00
- BLS (Emergency): $450.00
- ALS 1 (Non-Emergency): $500.00
- ALS 1 (Emergency): $625.00
- ALS 2 (Emergency): $775.00
- ALS (Special Care Transport): $900.00
- Mileage: $7.50/loaded patient mile anywhere.

LYON COUNTY EMS:

ALS (Emergency and Non-Emergency): $475.00
BLS (Emergency and Non-Emergency): $250.00
Mileage: $4.00/loaded patient mile, calls originating outside Emporia city limits.

MARION COUNTY:

ALS 1 (Emergency): $300.00
ALS 1 (Non-Emergency): $250.00
ALS 2 (Emergency): $400.00
ALS (Special Care Transport): $450.00
BLS (Non-Emergency): $225.00
BLS (Emergency): $250.00
Mileage BLS: $3.50/loaded patient mile anywhere.
Mileage ALS: $4.25/loaded patient mile anywhere.

FRANKLIN COUNTY AMBULANCE:

ALS (Emergency): $375.00
ALS (Non-Emergency): $350.00
BLS (Emergency): $250.00
BLS (Non-Emergency): $225.00
Mileage: $4.25/loaded patient mile anywhere.

BUTLER COUNTY EMS:

ALS (Emergency): $375.00
ALS (Non-Emergency): $325.00
BLS (Emergency): $350.00
Mileage: $4.75/loaded patient mile anywhere

LAWRENCE-DOUGLAS COUNTY EMS:

ALS (Emergency): $375.00
ALS (Non-Emergency): $200.00
BLS (Emergency): $300.00
BLS (Non-Emergency): $175.00
Mileage $4.25/loaded patient mile anywhere.

MCPHERSON COUNTY:

ALS (Non-Emergency without specialized): $275.00
ALS (Non-Emergency with specialized): $325.00
ALS (Emergency without specialized): $350.00
ALS (Emergency with specialized): $375.00
ALS (Specialty Care Transport): $595.00
Mileage: $7.50/loaded patient mile anywhere.

NEWTON EMS:

ALS: $350.00
BLS: $275.00
Mileage: $6.00/loaded patient mile if transporting outside Harvey County.
$4.00/loaded patient mile for county calls inside Harvey County.
Meds: 100% markup

ELLIS COUNTY EMS:

ALS: $350.00
BLS: $175.00
Mileage: $5.00/loaded patient mile anywhere.

SEDGWICK COUNTY EMS:
ALS (Emergency): $350.00
ALS (Non-Emergency): $170.00
Mileage: $4.00/loaded patient mile anywhere.

GREENWOOD COUNTY AMBULANCE:
ALS: $325.00 plus supplies.
BLS: $165.00 plus supplies
Mileage: $5.00/loaded patient mile anywhere.

RENO COUNTY:
ALS & BLS (Emergency and Non-Emergency): $300.00
Mileage: $7.55/loaded patient mile anywhere.

SALINA FIRE:
ALS: $300.00
BLS: $185.00
Mileage: $4.40/loaded patient mile anywhere.

FINNEY COUNTY EMS:
ALS: $300.00
BLS: $150.00
Mileage: $5.00/mile for out of county calls.

RESOLUTION NO. 98 – 57

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING CHARGES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES IN THE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas has executed an agreement with the City of Lawrence pursuant to K.S.A. 65-6113 providing for the provision of ambulance service in all of Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence began providing such services on December 29, 1996; and

WHEREAS, the agreement further provides in Section 6 that "The County and City shall jointly establish fees for service for emergency medical services by a jointly adopted resolution/ordinance.", and

WHEREAS, it is the Board's belief that the actual recipient of ambulance services provided by the City of Lawrence should bear a greater portion of the cost of operating the ambulance service than the non-users,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS:

Section 1. From and after the effective date of this resolution the rates for ambulance service in Douglas County shall be as follows:

a. All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service provided where at least three medications and one ALS procedure is provided: base rate $500.00 plus $5.50 per loaded mile.

b. All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service where specialized services are provided: base rate $450.00 plus $5.50 per loaded mile.

c. All inclusive advanced life support emergency and routine service where no specialized services are provided: base rate $375.00 plus $5.50 per loaded mile.

d. All inclusive advanced life support routine scheduled service with specialized services provided: base rate $275.00 plus $5.50 per loaded mile.

e. All inclusive advanced life support routine scheduled service with no specialized services provided: base rate $250.00 plus $5.50 per loaded mile.

f. Service which originates out of the County:
When the patient, who is not a Douglas County resident, is picked up out of the County at a location other than a hospital, an additional $150.00 charge shall be added to the base rate.

g. Standby Time:
$25.00 per quarter hour, 2 hour minimum, plus $5.50 per mile measured from the nearest ambulance station to the standby location. Where an agreement has been properly executed for a different pricing structure, the agreement shall apply.

h. Waiting Time:
when a base rate is charged waiting time at the destination site in excess of 1/2 hour will be charged at $25.00 per quarter hour.

i. Medical Supplies:
will be part of the all inclusive advanced life support base rate except for pharmaceuticals and solutions which will be charged at average cost plus 100%.

j. Additional Attendant:
when it is necessary for an additional attendant to be added to the assigned two or three person ambulance crew, an additional $50.00 charge shall be made.

k. Additional Service Policies:

1. Specialized services for purposes of this section shall be defined as services, which include either electrocardiogram monitoring, intravenous solutions administration or advanced airway establishment.

2. The all-inclusive base rates will consist of all disposable supplies except pharmaceuticals and solutions.

3. The base rate and mileage rate will not be charged when the patient is not transported except as stated herin.

4. When a helicopter is used instead of an ambulance to transport the patient from the scene, the patient will be charged the applicable base rate.

5. When a patient is not transported, a disposable supplies at cost plus 100% will be charged unless the charge is less than $10.00 in which case the charge would be waived.

6. When service is rendered and either the City of Lawrence or the County would be responsible for the fee, the fee will be waived.

7. When service is provided for emergency service personnel while performing their official duties the fee will be waived.

8. Rates for disposable supplies shall be established quarterly. The cost basis for the 100% increase will be the average cost of the item during the quarter which preceded the most recent quarter or based on the last quarterly rate if none were purchased in the quarter which preceded the most recent quarter.

9. Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical shall accept assignment on all Medicare claims or when Medicare benefits have been waived by a beneficiary in conjunction with a managed care plan.

10. Lawrence-Douglas County Fire and Medical shall be a contracting provider of ambulance services for Blue Shield of Kansas.

11. All ambulance services must be provided by a Kansas licensed advanced life support capable ambulance.

Section 2. Resolution 96-64 adopted on the 1st day of January, 1999 is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force on _____, and after its publication once in the official County newsletter.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS

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ATTEST:

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ORDINANCE NO. 7059

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS AMENDING SECTION 8-401 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS, ALLOWING THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE A CONTRACT PROVIDER WITH BLUE SHIELD OF KANSAS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Section 1 Article 4 and Section 8-401 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 1997 Edition, And amendments thereto, is hereby amended to read as follows

ARTICLE 4 FEES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

8-401 EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, FEES

From and after the effective date of this ordinance the rates for ambulance service in Douglas County shall be as follows:

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Section 2. Section 8-401 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 1997 Edition is hereby repealed, it being the intent of this ordinance to supersede the repealed provisions.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective on and after January 1, 1999.

Adopted by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas this _____ day of _____, 20__.