

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> January 23, 2017
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 28 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>17-0117</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>17-026</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approve an agreement between the City of Des Moines, Iowa, and Polk County, Iowa, represented by its Board of Supervisors, for ambulance and emergency medical service (EMS) to the Polk County Jail.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Approve an agreement between the City of Des Moines and Polk County for ambulance and (EMS) to the Polk County Jail. This Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2020, and will continue until such time that either party seeks to cancel or amend the original agreement. The County agrees to compensate the City for the ambulance and EMS services provided to the Polk County Jail in the amount of the fees provided in the schedule of fees adopted by the Des Moines City Council. Iowa Code section 28E.32 provides that a municipality may provide emergency medical service to another city or to a county.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Estimated expected revenue of \$57,500.

Funding Source: FY 2017 Adopted Operating Budget, Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, GE001, FD041000, page 106

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The City, through its Fire Department, provides persons within the corporate limits of the City of Des Moines with ambulance transport service and EMS and is willing to provide such services to the Polk County Jail, located at 1985 Northeast 51<sup>st</sup> Place, Des Moines Iowa, 50313. The County deems it to be in the best interests of the County that such ambulance and EMS services be provided to the Polk County Jail for the safety and welfare of the inhabitants and County employees of the jail. The City of Des Moines provided ambulance and emergency transport services for the Polk County Sheriff's Office/Jail up to 2008, at which time the jail relocated outside the corporate limits of the City. In 2011, the Sheriff's Office determined it is in the best interest for Polk County Jail inhabitants and employees to resume those services from the City of Des Moines Fire Department and the Fire Department determined that there is the appropriate level of resources to enter into this agreement to serve this need. On August 2, 2011, the Polk County Board of Supervisors approved the first new agreement to resume

receiving services from the City of Des Moines for ambulance and emergency medical service. The Des Moines City Council approved the first new agreement on August 29, 2011, and service began on October 1, 2011. On January 3, 2017, the Polk County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the agreement being considered here.

- The purpose of this Agreement is for the City to provide emergency transport service, consisting of paramedic level emergency care (EMS) staff and ambulance, for transport from the Polk County Jail to hospitals within Des Moines. The EMS personnel shall at all times remain under the control of the City of Des Moines and shall remain employees of the City of Des Moines and subject to the obligations and benefits of City of Des Moines employment. Such service shall be provided by the City upon request by the Sheriff or his/her designee. In no event shall this agreement be construed to guarantee that any ambulance or EMS service shall be provided which is greater than that provided to any other potential user within the City. This Agreement shall be in effect from January 1, 2016 until December 31, 2020, and will continue until such time that either party seeks to cancel or amend the original agreement.
- The County agrees to compensate the City for the ambulance and EMS services provided to the Polk County Jail in the amount of the fees provided in the schedule of fees adopted by the Des Moines City Council for all customers. Such fee amounts are due and payable upon receipt of invoice from the City. The County shall pay the then current fees as adopted by the City Council during the term of this Agreement and the City shall provide the County with a written schedule of fees for the services provided under this Agreement in the event that such fees change during the term of this Agreement.
- Prior to construction of the new facility, the Polk County Jail requested EMS assistance and transport from the City of Des Moines Fire Department approximately 70 times annually. Since the opening of the new facility and the first agreement, the average number of calls for service to the jail has been approximately 100 per year. These additional responses have not negatively impacted the service provided to citizens and persons within the corporate limits of the City of Des Moines.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: August 29, 2011

Roll Call Number: [11-1470](#)

Action: [Agreement](#) with Polk County for ambulance and emergency medical services at the Polk County Jail. ([Council Communication No. 11-559](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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