

**JOINT SESSION**  
**COUNCIL & COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

Jefferson County Public Safety Center, 620 Green Road, Madison, Indiana

DATE 03-23-2023

Commissioner Robert Little called the meeting to order. Those present: Commissioner David Bramer, Commissioner Ron Lee, Councilwoman Heather Foy, Councilman Dwayne May, Councilman Gary Copeland, Councilman Ray Denning and Councilman Ray Black. The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss the amendment to ambulance services agreement between Norton-King's Daughters' Health.

Carol Dozier, CEO Norton-King's Daughters' Health, submitted a letter and an amendment to the County Commissioners on February 28<sup>th</sup>, requesting additional support from the County for ambulance services. In the past, KDH has provided ambulance services to Jefferson County at no cost. A few years ago, KDH requested the County begin paying \$100,000 per year. Councilwoman Heather Foy wanted the record to reflect that payments for ambulatory services began before the Norton's merger with King's Daughters' Hospital.

KDH was requesting the County to pay \$500,000 for 2023. Council President, Ray Black spoke with Carol Dozier last week and discussed the County budget timeline, stating that the request for the increase was made after the 2023 budget was adopted. Dozier and Black negotiated a 3 year contract, with KDH requesting \$250,000 for 2023, \$500,000 for 2024 and \$500,000 for 2025.

Councilman Ray Denning made mention that a contract of that size should be put out for bid in the coming years. Discussion followed on how to bid services such as these because services can vary depending on provider. Basic EMT services versus Advanced EMT services with paramedics on staff was discussed.

Council and Commissioners agreed that an interlocal agreement between City of Madison, Hanover and Jefferson County should be discussed so the three entities could share the cost burden. Commissioners and Council will review the request for proposal process in 2025 for year 2026 contract.

Councilman Ray Denning made a motion to pay the budgeted \$100,000 to KDH and to advertise an additional \$150,000 for the ambulance subsidy. Councilman Dwayne May seconded the motion. Motioned passed 4/0; Ray Denning, Dwayne May, Gary Copeland and Ray Black in favor. Heather Foy abstained due to her employment with KDH.

Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to approve a 3-year contract with Norton King's Daughter's Health for \$250,000 for 2023; \$500,000 for 2024 and \$500,000 for 2025. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed 3/0. Commissioner David Bramer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Ron Lee seconded. Motion passed 7/0.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Heather Huff, Auditor                      Robert Little, Commissioner President

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David Bramer, Commissioner              Ron Lee, Commissioner

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Ray Black, Council President              Dwayne May, Council

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Pam Crozier, Council                      Heather Foy, Council

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Chris Shelton, Council                      Gary Copeland, Council

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Ray Denning, Council