



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Fee for Service Reimbursement for FY2022-23.

Presenter:

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Description:

Resolution and Budget Amendment to recognize the unanticipated revenue and expenditure from the FY2022-23 Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Fee for Service for \$228,666.71.

Recommended Action:

Adopt the resolution, and approve the budget amendment.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The resolution and budget amendment will recognize the unanticipated revenue \$228,667.00 (091.54.5450.349.00.00 Other Charges for Services) and appropriates \$13,720.00 for vendor fees (091.54.5450.526.34.00 Other Contractual Services), and \$214,947.00 for unanticipated overtime in the Emergency Rescue Services fund 091.54.5450.526.12.10 Regular Salaries Adj for Budgeting Only.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

Since 2016, Alachua County has participated in the Florida PEMT Fee for Service Reimbursement program. Supplemental funding was established to help close the gap between costs incurred to provide services and revenue received for each emergency medical transport provided to a Medicaid fee for service patient. This was the first step to address the challenge of current Medicaid reimbursement rates.

The State fiscal year Fee for Service FY2022-2023 reimbursement is \$228,666.71. This requires an allocation of \$13,720.00 for the assistance to complete the program requirements and collect the additional revenue which is a 6% payment for the Fee for Service component.

Staff recommends the balance of \$214,946.71 be allocated for unanticipated overtime in the Emergency Rescue Services fund. Most recently, the Department of Fire Rescue has been successful in recruiting several fully certified employees to fill vacancies, however, there are not enough to fill all vacancies. The Department continues to hire non- or partially certified individuals. In addition, the Department has incurred overtime in the Lead Medic assignment (paramedics). This is anticipated to diminish once several employees complete paramedic school in August 2024.

The resolution and budget amendment recognizes the unanticipated revenue and appropriates the funds for expenditure.