



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Fee for Service FY23-24, Managed Care FY24-25, and 2016 and 2017 PEMT Audits in the net amount of \$1,426,245.31 additional revenue.

Presenter:

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Description:

Resolution and Budget Amendment to recognize the unanticipated revenue and expenditure from the FY2023-24 Public Emergency Medical Transportation (PEMT) Fee for Service for \$292,799.64, FY2024-25 Managed Care \$899,016.47, 2016 and 2017 PEMT Audit Result Revenue \$234,429.20.

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 \$1,426,245.31 (091.54.5450.349.00.00 #6195410 ALL Other Charges for Services) and appropriates \$58,604.22 for vendor fees (091.54.5450.526.34.00 #6195410 ALL Other Contractual Services), \$184,475.53 for the intergovernmental transfer (091.54.5450.526.49.00 #6195410 ALL Other Current Charges), \$500,000.00 for estimated replacement of Fire Rescue Headquarters and Emergency Management Operations Center furnishings and audio visual systems (091.54.5450.526.99.24 #6195410 ALL), and \$683,165.56 (091.54.5450.381.5000 Transfer in General Government and 001.54.5450.581.91.06 Operating Transfer out to Fund 091) to reduce the General Fund transfer to the Emergency Rescue Services fund.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

Since 2016, Alachua County has participated in the Florida Public Emergency Medical Transportation (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 FY2023-24 reimbursement is \$292,799.64. This requires an allocation of \$17,567.98 for the assistance to complete the program requirements and collect the additional revenue which is a 6% payment for the Fee for Service component.

The State fiscal year Managed Care FY2024-25 reimbursement is \$4,458,267.47. The FY2024-25 Adopted budget included \$3,559,250.00, resulting in a revenue increase of \$899,016.47. The additional revenue requires an increase of \$26,970.49 for assistance to complete the program requirements and collect the additional revenue which is a 3% payment for the Managed Care component. The additional revenue also requires an increase of \$184,475.53 to the required intergovernmental transfer from the estimated \$1,725,000.00 to \$1,909,475.53.

The Agency for Healthcare Administration (AHCA) completed the 2016 and 2017 PEMT audit and reconciliation. The audit resulted in additional revenue of \$234,429.20 (2016 \$191,063.11 and 2017 \$43,366.09) This additional revenue requires an increase of \$14,065.75 for the assistance to complete the program requirements and collect the additional revenue which is 6% payment for the service.

The total unanticipated additional PEMT revenue is \$1,426,245.31. To effectively collect and manage these funds, an additional allocation of \$58,604.22 is necessary for vendor fees. An additional \$184,475.53 is also required to fulfill the mandated intergovernmental transfer obligation.

Staff recommends that \$500,000.00 be budgeted in unallocated appropriations toward the renovation of the Armory/Fire Rescue Headquarters and Emergency Management Operations Center. This funding will support the future replacement of outdated furnishings and the installation of essential audio-visual equipment for the Emergency Management section. Most of the current furniture in use, particularly in the Medical Billing Office, was purchased in 1998. Many other offices within Fire Rescue have been utilizing furnishings dating back to 2000, when the department relocated to its current headquarters. Most of these items have exceeded their useful life expectancy and are no longer suitable for use in the renovated facility. Investing in modern, functional furnishings and technology is critical to ensuring the operational efficiency and readiness of Emergency Management and Fire Rescue services. Use of these funds will require budget review and County Manager approval.

The balance of \$683,165.56 is recommended to offset the General Fund transfer to the Emergency Medical Services fund for FY2024-25.

The resolution and budget amendment will recognize the unanticipated revenue and appropriate the funds for expenditure.