

RESOLUTION NO. 2025092317

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE LAWRENCE COUNTY AMBULANCE SERVICE TO PROVIDE DEDICATED AMBULANCE STANDBY FOR EVENTS AND TO CHARGE A FEE NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00) PER HOUR; AND TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INCLUDING DISCRETIONARY REDUCTIONS OR WAIVERS FOR QUALIFYING NONPROFIT APPLICANTS

WHEREAS, Lawrence County Ambulance Service (“LCAS”) provides countywide emergency medical response and transport; and

WHEREAS, from time to time event organizers and sponsors request a dedicated ambulance and crew to be staged exclusively at a private or public event (“Dedicated Standby”) separate from routine emergency response coverage; and

WHEREAS, providing Dedicated Standby services imposes personnel, apparatus, and operational costs and must be managed to preserve countywide 9-1-1 readiness; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee law authorizes counties to operate emergency medical services and to charge fees or rates for such services; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 23rd day of September 2025, that:

SECTION 1. Authorization; Fee Ceiling. LCAS is authorized to provide Dedicated Standby ambulance coverage for events upon request and availability. LCAS may charge the event organizer or sponsor a fee not to exceed \$150.00 per hour per ambulance for Dedicated Standby services.

SECTION 2. Policies and Procedures; Discretionary Waivers. LCAS is authorized to promulgate written policies and procedures governing request intake, scheduling, staffing level, minimum time blocks, billing and collections, and operational protocols for Dedicated Standby. Those policies may include discretionary reduced rates or waivers for bona fide § 501(c)(3) or comparable charitable nonprofit events upon written application demonstrating public benefit or hardship. Eligibility criteria and any caps on the number or value of waivers per fiscal year shall be defined by LCAS policy.

SECTION 3. Minimums; Timekeeping; Deposits. LCAS policies may:
(a) require a minimum billable block (e.g., two or three hours) and allow billing in whole or partial hours thereafter;

- (b) commence billable time upon unit arrival at the designated staging location and conclude upon release; and
- (c) require a reasonable advance deposit and establish cancellation deadlines and fees.

SECTION 4. Scope of Coverage; Emergency Departure. Dedicated Standby units are primarily assigned to the event. If, in LCAS's judgment, a higher-priority emergency occurs and no alternate unit is immediately available, LCAS shall depart the event to fulfill its emergency obligations. LCAS will use best efforts to backfill coverage at the event if practicable.

SECTION 5. Priority; Availability. All Dedicated Standby requests are subordinate to 9-1-1 operational needs and subject to staffing and unit availability. LCAS may decline, reschedule, or modify a request to maintain countywide service levels.

SECTION 6. Staffing Levels; Service Types. LCAS policies may differentiate service levels (e.g., BLS or ALS ambulance), supplemental resources (e.g., bike/UTV teams, supervisor), and corresponding rates, provided no rate exceeds the ceiling set in Section 1 unless later amended by this Body.

SECTION 7. Insurance; Indemnity; Site Safety. LCAS may require organizers to: (a) maintain reasonable event liability insurance naming Lawrence County as additional insured; (b) execute an agreement with indemnification and hold-harmless provisions customary for such services; and (c) meet site safety requirements (clear access routes, staging areas, and communications contacts).

SECTION 8. Billing; Collections; Nonpayment. LCAS shall invoice organizers per policy (e.g., within 30 days of service). Policies may address late fees, cost recovery for extraordinary consumables, and procedures for habitual nonpayment, all consistent with county financial controls.

SECTION 9. Compliance with Law and Licensure. All Dedicated Standby operations shall comply with applicable Tennessee statutes and regulations governing EMS licensure, staffing, and operations

SECTION 10. Administrative Implementation. The County Executive and LCAS Director are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including adopting and publishing the policies described herein.

This resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 23rd of September 2025.

SHANE EATON, CHAIR

DAVID A. MORGAN, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

RUSS BREWER, COUNTY CLERK

SPONSOR: SHANE EATON, STEVE HAGAN