



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: September 24, 2013

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head: Danny Hobby

Commissioners Court Sponsor: County Judge Samuel T. Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION CONCERNING 120-DAY HOLDOVER EXTENSION TO FISCAL YEAR 2013 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

The purpose of the FY 2009 EMS Interlocal Cooperative Agreement ("Agreement") is to provide for emergency medical services and transport medical services to Suburban Travis County (the county's geographic area outside the City of Austin) through the use of City staff, City-owned equipment, County provided vehicles and stations, and other County-owned assets.

The purpose for this Holdover request is to extend coverage, commencing October 1, 2013 for a term of 120 days and terminable on January 28, 2014. The current effective period for the FY-2013 A/TCEMS ILA will expire at the end of this fiscal year, Monday, September 30, 2013. During the Holdover term, the Agreement remains in full force and effect. The City of Austin EMS department supports this recommendation and has their request scheduled for Austin City Council approval on Thursday, September 26, 2013.

Emergency Services staff and staff with City of Austin EMS are currently negotiating the terms of a new agreement for the delivery of emergency medical services, and anticipate bringing a new agreement to Commissioners Court before the end of the 120 day term.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Emergency Services recommends approval of this Holdover request. The Court has approved amendments to this Agreement in past years.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Section 13 of the A/TCEMS ILA allows for a contract holdover at the end of any fiscal year for up to 120 days while negotiations take place for the next contract period and to complete the approval process.

The purpose of this agenda item is to confirm that the County Executive for Emergency Services is allowed to sign a holdover memo on Travis County's behalf and approve the 120-Day holdover period, as authorized by contract.

The City of Austin EMS Department has been providing emergency medical services to Travis County for over thirty years.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

The necessary funding will be part of the approved FY-2014 EMS budget overseen by Travis County Emergency Services – 1590080001, 511500.

The funds for the initial four months, the holdover period of October through the end of January, 2014, will be pre-encumbered at the beginning of FY-2014 upon availability of A/TCEMS funds next month.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Barbara Wilson, County Attorney's Office, 854-9567
Marvin Brice, Purchasing Office, 854-9765
Kapp Schwebke, Auditor's Office, 854-6628
William Derryberry, PBO, 854-4741
David Salazar, Judge's Office, 854-9558



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To: Travis County Commissioners Court
From: Danny Hobby, County Executive for Emergency Services
Date: September 16, 2013
Subject: 120-Day Holdover of FY13 Austin/Travis County EMS ILA

*Chief Medical Examiner
Dr. David Dolinak*

*STAR Flight
Casey Ping, Program Director*

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Proposed Motion:

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Summary & Staff Recommendation:

The Agreement between City of Austin and Travis County for Emergency Medical Services (the A/TCEMS ILA) provides for emergency medical services and pre-hospital transport services for Travis County's geographic area outside of the City of Austin.

The current effective period for the FY-2013 A/TCEMS ILA will expire at the end of this fiscal year, Monday, September 30, 2013.

As a result of this being a few weeks away, the Travis County Emergency Services (TCES) recommendation is to approve a 120-day holdover period to extend the current terms and conditions through January 28, 2014. Our EMS partners at the City of Austin support this recommendation, as this is scheduled for Austin City Council approval on Thursday, September 26, 2013.

Issues or Opportunities:

Section 13 of the A/TCEMS ILA allows for a contract holdover at the end of any fiscal year for up to 120 days while negotiations take place for the next contract period and to complete the approval process.

The purpose of this agenda item is to confirm that the County Executive for Emergency Services is allowed to sign a holdover memo on Travis County's behalf and approve the 120-day holdover period, as authorized by contract.

The FY-2014 A/TCEMS ILA will be contract renewal five of five when approved in three or four months.

Budgetary Impact:

The necessary funding will be part of the approved FY-2014 EMS budget overseen by TCES – 1590080001, 511500.

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Attachment(s):

Holdover Request Memo from Ernesto Rodriguez, EMS Director at City of Austin

Cc:

Audit –	Kapp Schwebke, Patti Smith, David Jungerman, James Marlett
Legal –	Barbara Wilson
PBO –	Travis Gatlin, Alan Miller, William Derryberry
Purchasing –	Bonnie Floyd, Marvin Brice, C.W. Bruner
TCES –	Christine Lego, Toby Fariss (TF)