Resolution 24-07

Whereas the City of Somerset and the County of Pulaski, both in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, have an interlocal agreement dated April 2013 and amended in 2014 pertaining to the operation of emergency medical services ("EMS"),

Whereas the legislative bodies of both entities desire to continue operation of county wide EMS under subsequently the same terms, but with some amendments relating to funding and information/planning for better future operation;

Now therefore be it resolved the Somerset City Council proposes the following agreement in principle with the Pulaski County Fiscal Court, to the following principal amendments:

As to funding all prior agreements and amendments shall be changed to:

1. Fiscal year 2024- 2025 the funding amount paid by Pulaski County will increase from $1,300,000 to $1,450,000.
2. Fiscal year 2025- 2026 the funding amount paid by Pulaski County will increase to $1,600,000.
3. Beginning with fiscal year starting July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, the funding paid by the County will increase 2.5 % annually through budget year 2034.

As to management, information, and planning:

1. That the current Advisory Board found in the EMS interlocal agreement be amended to be composed of the Mayor of the City of Somerset, the Pulaski County Judge-Executive, two Somerset Council members, two Pulaski County Magistrates, the Pulaski County Treasurer, the City of Somerset Chief Financial Officer and one Paramedic and one EMT. The City of Somerset would continue as the employer of the Somerset/Pulaski County EMS employees. If other cities inside Pulaski County contribute, they can also get a seat on this advisory board. The responsibility and management control shall continue to be in the Executive of the City of Somerset.
2. That a qualified independent consultant or firm be retained by the Board to assist the Board in developing a strategic plan to improve the future operations/efficiency of EMS, with Pulaski County Fiscal Court bearing that cost of the consultant.
3. That a detailed financial report be provided on a monthly basis to Fiscal Court and the Somerset City Council.
4. In the event it is determined by either entity that the agreement is not in the best interest of that entity, and in order to provide sufficient time to ensure EMS services are not interrupted, the agreement can be terminated by either entity upon 12 months advance written notice from the terminating entity to the non-terminating entity.

The foregoing agreement point shall be formally memorialized in an amendment to the original EMS Inter-Local Agreement (Concurring Ordinances). Both the City and the County will work together to make said agreement. If the formal interlocal agreement is not procedurally completed by July 1, 2024, both parties agree to the funding terms prior to the formal

agreement's completion. Both parties agree to budget in its respective budgeting ordinances for July 2024-June 2025 the foregoing terms, notwithstanding the final completion of the formal inter-local amendment.

To achieve a "meeting of the minds", Pulaski Fiscal Court is asked to pass by vote of majority a concurring resolution with the terms stated above before May 1, 2024.

Motioned and Voted Successfully on the 8th day of April, 2024, as proven and if executed by the officers below.

Alan L. Keck, Mayor of the City of Somerset

And attested by,

Nick Bradley, Clerk of the City of Somerset