



Board of County  
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Pete Gerken  
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Lisa A. Sobecki  
Anita Lopez

March 28, 2024

On March 5, 2024, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners formally notified each of the subdivisions currently operating a fire service in Lucas County of its intent to replace the current Lucas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Advanced Life Support (ALS) Agreement with a successor agreement that would be effective on June 3, 2024. (Copies of the March 5, 2024 letter and supporting Board Resolutions 2024-204 and 2024-205 are attached for your reference). This notice is the latest expression of years of collaboration between the County and jurisdictional fire departments in developing and implementing an enhanced ALS service delivery model.

In its March 5, 2024 letter, the Board requested all participating subdivisions provide to the County a fully executed signature page of the new Agreement no later than March 29, 2024. Over the last few weeks, however, several subdivisions have sought clarification of a few matters pertaining to the Agreement. To ensure subdivisions have all the information necessary for their respective legislative bodies to act on the Agreement, the Board extended the timeframe for provision of a fully executed signature page, or a copy of legislation passed by the subdivision authorizing the new Agreement, to close of business on Friday, April 5, 2024.

The Board has been asked to clarify the following items pertaining to how a subdivision's opting out of the Agreement impacts the participating subdivisions:

1. A subdivision that opts out would not be provided funding from the County for ALS services. The funding originally allocated to the subdivision in the new Agreement would be reapportioned to one or more Responsible ALS Department(s) to ensure the best response for the countywide system.
2. A subdivision that opts out would not be eligible to participate in Capital Asset Allocation Meetings or to receive any additional County EMS capital assets.
3. A subdivision that opts out would not be subject to, or a beneficiary of, the mutual aid provisions of the new Agreement (Section 4). Mutual aid with the opting-out subdivision would be provided in accordance with state, regional, and/or local mutual aid agreements.
4. If a subdivision opts out, the County will provide an updated Agreement for all participating subdivisions to review and adopt. This updated Agreement would only require amendments to the response regions delineated in Section 2 and funding allocations delineated in Section 5. All other sections would remain the same.

As all subdivisions are aware, responsibility for the provision of ALS services rests with local subdivisions. The County has proudly provided financial support for a countywide ALS system in Lucas County since 1992 and remains committed to allocating the same level of financial support to the system tomorrow as it does today. While the County continues to believe that all County residents are safer and best served when the County and its subdivisions operate collaboratively, the County respects each subdivision's right to make decisions it believes are in the best interests of its constituents. The County remains hopeful that our collective county community can move

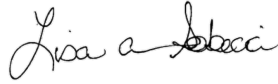
forward together with the collaborative service model developed with and by our local safety forces. This model provides the best means of protecting the health and safety of our community.

Thank you, as always, for your collaboration.

Respectfully,



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Since 1992, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners have collaborated with the jurisdictional fire departments and the subdivisions of Lucas County to deliver Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Lucas County, Ohio. The provision of countywide ALS EMS is a matter of public health and safety, and, as such, the Board and the subdivisions desire to continue to partner to improve, refine, and maintain a system of countywide ALS EMS to facilitate the highest level of public health and safety for Lucas County, Ohio.

In furtherance of our shared goals, the Board of County Commissioners passed two resolutions today. The first resolution authorized the 90-day termination provision provided in Section 8(b) of the Agreement effective January 1, 2020 for Provision of County Wide Emergency Medical Services between the Board of Commissioners of Lucas County and the Political Subdivisions of Toledo, Oregon, Maumee, Whitehouse, Sylvania Township and Springfield Township, canceling the County's participation in the Agreement effective June 3, 2024 (Resolution attached for your reference). Please use this letter as written notice of such. The second resolution authorized the Board to enter into an Agreement Regarding the Provision of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County, Ohio (Resolution attached for your reference).

The updated Agreement represents the culmination of our collaboration over the last couple of years to establish an update service delivery model that will continue to provide and enhance the emergency medical services that our shared community has come to expect. The Board is excited to continue to partner with our subdivisions on the delivery of this important service. In order to ensure the effective implementation of the updated service model on June 3, 2024, the County requests each participating subdivision to execute and provide a copy of the subdivision's respective signature page to the Board of County Commissioners no later than close of business on March 29, 2024. The County will assume that any subdivision signatory to the Agreement that does not provide such by close of business on March 29, 2024 has opted out of the Agreement, and any funds allocated to said jurisdiction in the Agreement will be re-appropriated proportionally to the other parties in the Agreement. Thank you as always for your collaboration.

Respectfully,

Pete Gerken  
President

Lisa A. Sobecki  
Commissioner

Anita Lopez  
Commissioner

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Resolution No:** 2024-204

**Title:** Termination of the Agreement Effective January 1, 2020 for Provision of County Wide Emergency Medical Services between the Board of Commissioners of Lucas County and the Political Subdivisions of Toledo, Oregon, Maumee, Whitehouse, Sylvania Township and Springfield Township

**Department/Agency:** Emergency Services

**Contact:** Dennis Cole, Director

**Summary/Background:** The Board by Resolution 20-245 entered into the Agreement Effective January 1, 2020 for Provision of County Wide Emergency Medical Services between the Board of Commissioners of Lucas County and the Political Subdivisions of Toledo, Oregon, Maumee, Whitehouse, Sylvania Township and Springfield Township. This Agreement established a term of service that commenced effective January 1, 2020 and continue through December 31, 2020 with a provision for automatic quarterly renewal until one of the parties provided 90 days notice of their intent to cancel their participation. In anticipation of the execution of an amended Agreement Regarding the Provision of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County, Ohio, the Board executes its privilege provided in Section 8(b) of the current Agreement to cancel its participation effective June 3, 2024, 90 days from March 5, 2024.

**Budget Impact:** The annual cost of the current Agreement is the same as the proposed cost for the new Agreement, an amount of \$8,546,708 per year.

**Statutory Authority/ORC:** ORC Sections 307.05 and 505.44

**Commissioner Gerken offered the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board executes its privilege, as provide in Section 8(b) of the Agreement Effective January 1, 2020 for Provision of County Wide Emergency Medical Services between the Board of Commissioners of Lucas County and the Political Subdivisions of Toledo, Oregon, Maumee, Whitehouse, Sylvania Township and Springfield Township to provide 90 days' notice of its intent to cancel its participation in the Agreement and directs the Clerk to provide immediate notice to the appropriate parties of such as provided in Section 10(f) of the Agreement.

Section 2. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law.

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Section 3. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

**Action Taken:**

Commissioner Gerken voted yes  
Commissioner Sobecki voted yes  
Commissioner Lopez voted yes



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Jody L. Balogh, Clerk of the Board

**Date:** March 5, 2024

**Resolution No:** 2024-205

**Title:** Authorization to Enter into an Agreement Regarding the Provision of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County, Ohio

**Department/Agency:** Emergency Services

**Contact:** Dennis Cole, Director

**Summary/Background:** Since 1992, the Board of Lucas County Commissioners have collaborated with the jurisdictional fire departments and the subdivisions of Lucas County to deliver Advanced Life Support (ALS) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Lucas County, Ohio. The provision of countywide ALS EMS is a matter of public health and safety and as such the Board and the subdivisions desire to continue to improve, refine, and maintain a system of countywide ALS EMS to facilitate the highest level of public health and safety for Lucas County, Ohio. As such, the Board and Subdivisions seek to enter into an agreement for the provision of ALS EMS in which the County and the subdivisions agree to establish six response regions, in which dedicated responsible ALS departments shall provide ALS EMS to the standard of services the community has come to expect and provide ALS mutual aid to ensure timely ALS EMS response throughout Lucas County. In exchange for this, the County shall provide each of the responsible ALS departments funding to supplement their operations. The County and subdivisions agree to establish an EMS Medical Policy Committee to monitor and ensure coordination of ALS EMS across Lucas County. The Agreement Regarding the Provision of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County, Ohio shall take effect June 3, 2024 and shall continue for an indefinite term on a year-to-year basis unless terminated upon 2 years written notice, with this termination prohibited from taking effect prior to June 2, 2027.

**Budget Impact:** Annualized amount is \$8,546,708 for 2024 with increases beginning in 2025 by the percentage of year-over-year growth in the COUNTY's sales tax receipts, capped at two percent (2%) per year. In the event of a reduction in COUNTY sales tax receipts, the amount provided to Responsible ALS Departments shall not increase until COUNTY sales tax receipts recover and exceed the COUNTY's peak sales tax receipt level.

**Statutory Authority/ORC:** ORC Sections 307.05 and 505.44

**Commissioner Gerken offered the following resolution:**

WHEREAS, in consideration of the above, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Board authorizes its members to enter into the Agreement Regarding the Provision of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County, Ohio effective June 3, 2024 with an indefinite term on a year-to-year

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**Action Taken:**

Commissioner Gerken voted yes  
Commissioner Sobecki voted yes  
Commissioner Lopez voted yes



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