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Date: November 6, 2025

To: Finance Ways & Means Committee

Re: Ambulance Fund Request – Radio Console Installation

Commissioners:

When our new phone system was installed earlier this year, we acquired phones for four dispatch stations, though our current configuration utilizes only three. Throughout the year, we have diligently assembled a fourth station using sourced used equipment. As our Motorola 7500 radio consoles are no longer available new, we procured three used sets to support our operations until the next console system becomes available in 2030. Of these three, two are designated as backups/spares, with one allocated for installation at the fourth station.

Motorola is the sole provider capable of performing this add-on installation, as confirmed through my research and discussions with MPSCS. The current quote from Motorola is \$68,435, with potential for a slight reduction.

Given that our Motorola 7500 radio console system was originally purchased in 2019 using Ambulance Fund monies, I respectfully request an allocation of no more than \$68,435 from the Ambulance Fund millage to complete the installation of the used radio console at the fourth dispatch station, the final step to achieve full functionality of this station. This enhancement will ensure operational continuity in the event a station is offline for maintenance or malfunction, while also positioning our center for future growth in call volume or other opportunities.

I would request the funds be added to line item 261-325-820.002 - Maintenance Tele-Rad.

I will be pleased to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

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Director