

**RESOLUTION**

**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Ron Bomkamp  
INITIATED BY



4/13/2023  
DATE DRAFTED

**Resolution to Recognize the Need for Additional Funding for Rock County Emergency Medical Services, so that Vital EMS Services Can Be Maintained**

**WHEREAS**, the delivery of emergency medical services is an Essential Service within Rock County and is the responsibility of local and regional government; and

**WHEREAS**, the emergency medical services provide county residents and visitors essential life-saving services throughout the county, regardless of location, incident circumstances, day of the week, or time of day; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire and EMS agencies continue to struggle to meet the ever-increasing demand for services in Rock County; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency medical services have realized a steady decline in volunteerism and interest in full-time employment in Fire and EMS agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rock County EMS Advisory Board is a representation of Fire and EMS agencies in Rock County,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 10th day of August 2023, officially recognizes the current dilemma faced by Fire and EMS agencies in Rock County and will seek input and solutions from the Rock County EMS Advisory Board and local fire chiefs to mitigate identified issues including up to providing future funding mechanisms to Fire and EMS agencies in need.

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact in and by itself.

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

The resolution reflects the challenges that local jurisdictions are experiencing in providing EMS services. The role state law provides for counties to support funding for EMS services is through the establishment of a countywide emergency medical system, which is exempt from levy limits under 66.0602(3)(e)6. Otherwise, the provision of EMS services lies with cities, villages, and towns. With regard to potential future funding outside of such an arrangement, the County Board must weigh its

priorities and make a determination of how state law may allow the County to participate in providing funding for EMS.

Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**Committee Action**

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote.