



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Council Session

Item G-14

#2021-53 - Approving Interlocal Agreement with Hall County for Ambulance Service

Staff Contact: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Council Agenda Memo

From: Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Meeting: March 9, 2021

Subject: Approval of Interlocal Agreement with Hall County for Ambulance Service

Presenter(s): Cory Schmidt, Fire Chief

Background

The City of Grand Island Fire Department (GIFD) has provided ambulance service for Hall County outside the city limits of Grand Island in the past. The current Interlocal agreement stipulates the GIFD will provide ambulance service in exchange for \$214,375 (year one) and \$218,663 (year two). The agreement will expire on June 30, 2021.

Discussion

Mayor Steele, City Administrator Janulewicz, Finance Director Brown, and Fire Chief Schmidt met with County officials on February 23, 2021 to negotiate a new Interlocal agreement for ambulance service to rural areas of Hall County. City representatives proposed a 3 percent increase over the current contract which was ultimately accepted by the Hall County Board of Commissioners. The proposed agreement stipulates that the GIFD will provide ambulance service to areas of Hall County, outside the city limits of Grand Island. In exchange for providing ambulance service, the City will receive \$225,223 paid in four equal installment payments of \$56,305.75. If approved, the agreement will commence on July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2022. The Hall County Board of Commissioners approved the proposed agreement on March 2, 2021.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grand Island and Hall County to provide ambulance service to areas of Hall County that are outside the city limits of Grand Island .

Sample Motion

Move to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Grand Island and Hall County to provide ambulance service to the areas in Hall County, outside the city limits of Grand Island.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF HALL
AND THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Nebraska Interlocal Cooperation Act codified at Article 8, Chapter 13 and §§13-303 and 77-3442 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the County of Hall (County) and the City of Grand Island (City) do hereby enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement (Agreement) for the City to provide ambulance service for that part of Hall County not within the boundaries of the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, on August 31, 1967 the Parties entered into an initial agreement for ambulance service for that part of Hall County not within the boundaries of the City of Grand Island; and

WHEREAS, since 1967 the Parties have renewed that agreement periodically; and

WHEREAS, effective July 1, 2019, the Parties renewed that agreement for a period of two (2) years ending on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to again renew their agreement as set forth herein for the City to provide ambulance service for that area of Hall County not located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Grand Island; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties do hereby set forth the terms of their Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the City to provide ambulance service for that area of Hall County not located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Grand Island as follows:

I.

The duration of this Agreement shall be for one (1) year commencing on July 1, 2021 and ending on June 30, 2022.

II.

The geographic area covered by this Agreement shall be that area of Hall County not located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Grand Island. That area is not static and may change during the duration of this Agreement as a result of annexation of territory by the City.

III.

The Parties shall not create any separate legal entity for the purpose of administering this Agreement. The administration of this Agreement is delegated to the City. The City's authority to manage its ambulance service, bill for that service, and retain the revenue generated by that service remains in full force in all instances unless specifically stated otherwise by the terms of this Agreement.

IV.

There shall be no joint method for the Parties to finance the administration of this Agreement. The Parties shall adopt and maintain appropriations to fund their respective financial obligations under this Agreement.

V.

The Parties shall not create any joint fund or acquire joint property for the administration of this Agreement.

VI.

The Grand Island Fire Chief shall be the Administrator of this Agreement.

VII.

The County's financial obligations to the City pursuant to the one-year term of this Agreement shall be \$225,223 paid in four equal installment payments of \$56,305.75 each, due on the following dates:

August 1, 2021, November 1, 2021, February 1, 2022, and May 1, 2022.

Any ambulance service to the Hall County Jail shall be billed to the County separately in accordance with the City's ambulance fee schedule. The County's financial obligation for ambulance service to the Hall County Jail shall be in addition to the quarterly payments listed above.

VIII.

The City may set ambulance rates at its discretion but the rate for calls for that area of Hall County not located within the corporate boundaries of the City of Grand Island shall be set according to defined and reasonable factors such as mileage.

IX.

The terms of this Agreement shall not be altered or amended unless done so in writing with the approval of both the governing bodies of the Parties.

X.

This Agreement may be terminated by either Party for any reason or no reason upon the approval of such action by the governing body of either Party with a minimum of thirty (30) days notice to the other Party.

WITNESS OUR HANDS

COUNTY OF HALL

Date

By _____
Pamela Lancaster, Chairperson
Hall County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Marla J. Conley
Hall County Clerk

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND

Date

By _____
Roger G. Steele, Mayor
City of Grand Island

ATTEST:

RaNae Edwards
Grand Island City Clerk

Approved by: _____
Sara Carstensen, Deputy Hall County Attorney

Stacy Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

RESOLUTION 2021-53

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island and Hall County currently have an Interlocal agreement regarding ambulance service for Hall County ; and

WHEREAS, the current agreement will expire as of June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, negotiations resulted in a proposed Inter-Local agreement, and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Island will receive \$225,223 in exchange for the Grand Island Fire Department providing ambulance service to Hall County outside the city limits of Grand Island. The agreement will commence July 1, 2021 and end June 30, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that the City Council authorized the Mayor to sign the Inter-Local Agreement between the two parties in regards to ambulance service.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, March 9, 2021.

Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form ✕ _____
March 5, 2021 ✕ City Attorney