

Staff Report

Subject: Ratification of Emergency Purchase for Replacement Ambulance

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Department: Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

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Item Description: Consideration to ratify the emergency purchase of one (1) Type I, 14-foot Ford F-550 ambulance from Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc. to replace a totaled unit.

Summary Recommendation: Consideration to ratify the emergency purchase of one (1) **Type I 14' Ford F-550 Ambulance** from **Custom Trucks and Body Works, Inc.** in the amount of **\$282,138.00** to replace an Effingham County EMS ambulance that was declared a total loss following a motor vehicle accident.

Executive Summary / Background:

On February 28, 2026, an Effingham County EMS ambulance was involved in a motor vehicle collision that resulted in extensive rear-end, undercarriage, frame, fuel system, and ambulance body damage. Following an independent appraisal, the vehicle was determined to be a total loss because the estimated repair costs exceeded the established total loss threshold. The appraiser recommended a total loss settlement value of **\$193,680.00**. Due to the immediate reduction in the County's emergency response fleet, the County Manager authorized an emergency purchase, in accordance with the County's Procurement Policy, to replace the ambulance and maintain uninterrupted emergency medical services for the citizens of Effingham County. The replacement ambulance is a **Type I 14' Ford F-550 Ambulance** manufactured by Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc., at a total cost of **\$282,138.00**. The purchase order was approved on **June 30, 2026**, allowing production to begin due to the anticipated 12–14 month delivery timeframe.

This item is presented to the Board of Commissioners for ratification of the emergency purchase previously authorized by the County Manager.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Ratify the emergency purchase of one (1) replacement ambulance from Custom Truck and Body Works, Inc.
2. Do not approve and instruct staff to initiate a new procurement process.
3. Provide alternative direction to staff.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2, 3

Department Review: Procurement, Emergency Medical Services

Funding Source: Insurance Proceeds and EMS Capital Budget

Attachments: A, B