CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

TO:	City Council
FROM:	Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA – City Manager
DATE OF MEETING:	March 9, 2026
ITEM TITLE:	Review and Potential Extension of 28E Agreement for Emergency 911 Ambulance Services

BACKGROUND:

In 2021, the City of Independence, Buchanan County, and Buchanan County Health Center (the Hospital) entered into a 28E Agreement to ensure the provision of emergency 911 ambulance services. The purpose of this agreement was to pool our resources so the Hospital can contract with a third-party provider for these services within the county. The agreement was established for a five-year period. Unless we take affirmative action to extend the agreement by a unanimous vote of all parties, it will automatically terminate after five years, we believe ending June 30, 2026, although it is unclear as the original agreement does not contain a specific date other than when the Hospital signed, which was May 27, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

The primary question before the Council is whether we wish to extend the current 28E agreement or not.

The current service contract with AMR operates on a completely different timeline than our 28E agreement, and that contract concludes on October 31, 2026.

RESULTS:

This item supports our strategic vision of **ensuring the efficient and effective planning and prioritizing of all available resources**. This helps achieve that vision by working to plan for the future of the City.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

Should the council decide to extend the agreement to the October 31, 2026, deadline, there would be financial costs involved with extending that, to the tune of $58,635.00, which is not currently budgeted for in the FY2027 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends a motion to extend the 28E Agreement to align with the AMR contract completion date of October 31, 2026.