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Municipal Clerks  
City of Richland Center  
Towns of Akan, Dayton, Eagle, Henrietta, Ithaca, Marshall, Orion, Rockbridge, Richland, and Willow  
Village of Boaz

Dear Municipal Clerks:

At the September 10, 2026, Executive and Finance Committee meeting discussion was held about what items are to be included in Richland County's Countywide Emergency Medical System for purposes of establishing the County's 2027 tax levy. The decision was made that services that equally cover the county will be considered allowable expenses, and thus eligible for inclusion on the levy above the County's statutory levy cap, which will be 911 dispatch expenses and radio tower. These two services cover all residents when medical, fire or police assistance is needed. Based on the multiple uses of these systems, only a third of the costs will be considered (i.e., EMS).

The County will NOT be levying any money (above or below the statutory levy cap) for purposes of funding any municipality costs related to emergency medical services. Because of this, the committee instructed the Administrator to place \$75,000 into the ambulance budget to cover a portion of the budgetary shortfall. The total budget for Richland EMS for 2027 is \$357,000. The total contribution from the participating municipalities would be \$282,000.

Last year, the total cost was divided among the participating municipalities based on call numbers. That process was not a smooth process and overall, municipalities did not feel that was a good way to distribute the costs. I have calculated the cost per municipality based on population, using 2020 census data. A copy of the spreadsheet showing the calculation is enclosed. If the municipalities would like to propose a different option that would be supported by all 12, we would be open to that provided we reach an agreement on or before October 15, 2026.

Please let us know by October 15, 2026 if you plan to continue to receive EMS through Richland EMS. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will be receiving your services elsewhere. Soon after October 15, we will advise all municipalities as to next steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tricia Clements", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tricia Clements, Administrator  
Richland County

CC Richland County Board of Supervisors

| Municipality    | Population | % Population based<br>on 12<br>municipalities<br>served by Richland |     |       |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------|
|                 |            | Requested 2027<br>Payment for Richland<br>EMS                       | EMS | EMS   |
| Akan            | 391        | \$ 9,588.00                                                         |     | 3.4%  |
| Boaz            | 129        | \$ 3,102.00                                                         |     | 1.1%  |
| Dayton          | 763        | \$ 18,894.00                                                        |     | 6.7%  |
| Eagle           | 492        | \$ 12,126.00                                                        |     | 4.3%  |
| Henrietta       | 435        | \$ 10,716.00                                                        |     | 3.8%  |
| Ithaca          | 633        | \$ 15,510.00                                                        |     | 5.5%  |
| Marshall        | 540        | \$ 13,254.00                                                        |     | 4.7%  |
| Orion           | 541        | \$ 13,254.00                                                        |     | 4.7%  |
| Richland Center | 5114       | \$ 126,336.00                                                       |     | 44.8% |
| Rockbridge      | 697        | \$ 17,202.00                                                        |     | 6.1%  |
| Richland        | 1175       | \$ 29,046.00                                                        |     | 10.3% |
| Willow          | 496        | \$ 12,126.00                                                        |     | 4.3%  |