

ORDINANCE NO. ~~2008~~ _____

04-03-2008

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF ELKINS,
STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE
TO BE ENTITLED:

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES ("AGREEMENT") BETWEEN WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS ("COUNTY") AND THE CITIES OF ELKINS, FARMINGTON, FAYETTEVILLE, GOSHEN, GREENLAND, LINCOLN, PRAIRIE GROVE, WEST FORK, WINSLOW AND JOHNSON ("CITIES"); AND TO ESTABLISH THE AMBULANCE AUTHORITY AND CENTRAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AS THE EXCLUSIVE EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN THE CITIES.

WHEREAS, A.C.A. §14-14-910 and A.C.A. § 14-266-101 et. seq. authorize cities and counties to enter into contracts to co-operate or join with each other to provide services; such to specify the responsibilities of all parties; and,

WHEREAS, all parties acknowledge that the continued provision of ambulance service is crucial for the continued health and safety of the residents of the named Cities and the County; and,

WHEREAS, the County and Cities mutually agree that the creation of an Ambulance Authority or similar entity as provided for in A.C.A. §14-14-910 and §14-266-101 et. seq. is in the best long-term interests of the parties; and,

WHEREAS, said Authority should consist of representatives of the above named Cities and the County; and,

WHEREAS, all parties acknowledge that the formation of such an Authority will demand close and continued cooperation of all parties, and,

WHEREAS, in order to save taxpayer money and to reduce the need for taxpayer revenue to subsidize the furnishing of emergency ambulance service to our citizens, the Ambulance Authority and CEMS should be designated the exclusive provider of emergency and non-emergency ambulance service within all cities that are party to this agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELKINS, ARKANSAS:

ARTICLE 1. That the City Council of the City of Elkins, Arkansas, hereby approves the Interlocal Agreement For Ambulance Services attached as Exhibit A, authorizes the Mayor to sign this agreement, and designates the Ambulance Authority created by this agreement to operate Central Emergency Medical Services as the exclusive emergency and non-emergency ambulance services provider throughout Elkins and every other city which is a party to this agreement as broadly as authorized in A.C.A. §14-266-102 and 105.

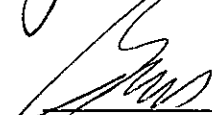
ARTICLE 2. Emergency Clause: It is hereby determined that it is in Washington County's best interest for this contract to be authorized, and the general welfare of the citizens are affected by such in that the provision of emergency services by a regional, publicly owned entity is critical to the viability and quality of emergency services in Washington County and the cities therein due to the ability to control cost; therefore an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall be and is effective from the date of its passage.



JACK LADYMAN, ELKINS MAYOR

04-17-2008

DATE



ELKINS CITY CLERK