

**WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REQUEST FORM**

Date: 07/25/2024

Weekly Agenda Date: 07/30/2024

**ELECTED OFFICIAL / DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN:** Drew Baier, EMS Director

**WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM:**

Approval to eliminate one part time paramedic and add one full time paramedic position

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

Approve Ordinance

Approve Resolution

Approve Motion

Public Hearing

Other: Informational

Attachments

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Emergency Services would like to eliminate a part time paramedic and add a full time position. This would increase the hours of that position and also add benefits.

**BACKGROUND:**

The goal of Emergency Services is to provide 24/7 paramedic coverage for the rural community. In the past, recruitment has been difficult and budgeted positions went unfilled. Recently a opportunity has arisen to hire two full time paramedics. One of the available positions is full time and the other open position is part time, which is the reason for this request.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The financial impact would be \$100,142.59. Upon review of last year's fiscal budget, the part time paramedic line ended with a -89,244.24 deficit, and the full time paramedic budget ended with \$39,793.57 of unspent balance. The difference was due to the mis-categorization of the part time paramedic as a .05 FTE. This number was too low and created the negative number for FY24. Moving this position to the full time line will help correct this.

Also, during the first month of this fiscal year, overtime for the EMS department has totaled \$2,675.50. Authorizing this position will decrease this amount.

**IF THERE IS A CONTRACT INVOLVED IN THE AGENDA ITEM, HAS THE CONTRACT BEEN SUBMITTED AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR AND ANSWERED WITH A REVIEW BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE?**

Yes  No

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Pass the motion.

**ACTION REQUIRED / PROPOSED MOTION:**

Motion to approve the deauthorization of a part time paramedic and the authorization of a full time paramedic.