

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: November 2, 2020

SUBJECT: EMS Quick Response Vehicle Purchase

PRESENTER: Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director

ATTACHMENTS: No

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

During March of 2020 Henderson County EMS implemented a comprehensive strategy of staffing and equipping to ensure our personnel operate with the needed safety precautions and operational support. One such strategy includes the deployment of a Quick Response Vehicle (QRV). This vehicle, staffed by field training staff, responds to potential COVID-19 calls to support ambulance crews with additional PPE and manpower, minimizing the exposure to other first responders. This unit also assists with ambulance decontamination at the hospitals. Since March this unit has operated out of the EMS Manager's vehicle, which has created other operational impacts.

Staff are requesting to use Coronavirus Relief funds to purchase a vehicle dedicated for response and support of COVID emergencies. Federal guidelines state funds must be expended by December 30th. Working with the Finance Department staff have been able to identify a source for the vehicle and will be able to complete the project by the grant deadline. Additional relief funds will be used to replace end of life radios in EMS vehicles and upgrade data modems for enhanced data sharing with the hospitals and 911 center.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds for the purchase and outfitting of a Quick Response Vehicle and the purchase of radios and data modems for Emergency Services.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board approve the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds for the purchase of a Quick Response Vehicle for Henderson County EMS to assist with COVID-19 response and the purchase of radios and data modems for EMS, and to approve the necessary signatures and budgetary actions to include the purchase and outfitting the vehicle and equipment.