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Jim, what can I do? Joe says he is trying to get RFP's done and has not finished . I will stay on him hard! Now, I just want to tell you, in all honesty, if you bill the Court for any money at all, we will not pay it. We don't even have t in our Budget. And I call tell you straight up, my Magistrates will not support this.

From: Jim Wells [mailto:jim.wells@cdrky.org]
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Judge Wood,

For several months, the City of Dry Ridge, has tried to work with the you and the fiscal court to provide a plan for high quality emergency medical services. Quite simply, nothing has come from months of work. I had hoped that we would have had some kind of solution in place by now. The past three times I've spoken with you about progress on this matter, you have indicated the rfp document is on the county attorney's desk waiting to be drafted. Continuing to delay a permanent solution to emergency medical services cannot continue. The City of Dry Ridge, my staff and myself have made ourselves available to any suggestion, open to any question and have frankly, bent over backwards, to give you any information you have requested to fix this injustice to the taxpayers of Dry Ridge. I understand the courts feeling that EMS is not a statutory responsibility of the county, however I certainly think it is not the responsibility of Dry Ridge to provide the county with free coverage.

So, with seeing no progress:

Effective April 15, 2018, The City of Dry Ridge Fire Department will continue to make emergency medical calls in the unincorporated portions of Grant County with the following changes:

1. The **primary** EMS provider (American Medical Response - AMR) shall be notified first irregardless of their current status. Provided by 202 KAR 7:501, if after 10 minutes has elapsed, "the dispatch center shall notify the next closest appropriate vehicle to respond". Dry Ridge Fire Department EMS shall then dispatched and will provide coverage.
 - i. The patients insurance will be billed for services rendered.
 - ii. The patient will be responsible for any charges over the allowable provided by the insurance carrier.
 - iii. The Grant County Fiscal Court will be billed a flat rate of \$300 to reimburse the City of Dry Ridge for providing coverage outside the city.
 - iv. A patient refusal with no transport will not be billed to the patient or their insurance.

2. A record of missed responses shall be kept.
3. The primary EMS provider will be reported to KBEMS as a complaint against their license to operate an emergency service in Grant County.
4. The City of Dry Ridge will provide a report of calls received in the unincorporated area on a monthly basis.
5. Invoices will be sent on a quarterly basis.
6. We will establish a cap to help with budgeting for this temporary solution.
 - a. The previous years (2017) call volume multiplied by \$300 will establish the cap for this year.
 - b. Currently that cap is \$189,900.

An official letter should arrive today or tomorrow by US mail outlining this change.

I hope to continue working on a permanent solution and as always welcome any questions you may have.

Sincerely

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