

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

DATE: August 4, 2009

AGENDA ITEM NO. 32.

Consent Agenda

Regular Agenda

Public Hearing

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
County Administrator's Signature

**Subject:**

City of St. Petersburg ALS First Responder Resolution for FY 09-10 Funding.

**Department:**

Public Safety Services, EMS Division

**Staff Member Responsible:**

Richard C. Williams, Director

**Recommended Action:**

I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, SITTING AS THE PINELLAS COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AUTHORITY, ADOPT THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSES OF ESTABLISHING FIRST RESPONDER FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 AND MEMORIALIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG AND THE EMS AUTHORITY.

**Summary Explanation/Background:**

The EMS Authority is responsible for providing for the funding of emergency medical first responders in accordance with Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (Special Act). The EMS Authority is authorized to set levels of service under the Special Act and pursuant to that authority, adopted resolutions 09-37 and 09-38. The EMS Authority, based upon the current economic situation and tax reform which has resulted in a decrease in the EMS millage funds raised, has requested that the various Cities and Fire Districts countywide closely examine their budgets and make cost saving adjustments.

The pending funding reductions prompted the City of St Petersburg to take action due to their concern for the possibility of the expiration of the effect of a judgment in the matter of the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority v. The City of St. Petersburg, Florida, Pinellas County Civil No. 88-6779-15. This issue has been resolved by stipulation entered into by the County Attorney. The County Administration and City of St. Petersburg Staff have agreed upon the First Responder funding level for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. This agreement has been accepted by the City Council of St. Petersburg.

**Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:**

Fiscal Year 2009-2010 = \$11,903,769 00  
Funds are available in Public Safety Services, EMS Division Budget

**Exhibits/Attachments Attached:**

Resolution  
Resolution Review

RESOLUTION NO. 09-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SITTING AS THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY ACKNOWLEDGING THE RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN ISSUES WITH THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG OVER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDER SERVICES FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR.

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners acting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority (Authority), is responsible for providing for the funding of emergency medical first responders in accordance with Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (Special Act); and

WHEREAS, based upon the current economic situation and tax reform which has resulted in a decrease in the amount currently raised by the EMS millage the Authority requested that the various Cities and Fire Districts closely examine their budgets and make such savings as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is authorized to set levels of service under the Special Act and pursuant to that authority adopted resolutions 09-37 and 09-38; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg, being concerned regarding the possible expiration of the effect of a judgment in the matter of the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority v. The City of St. Petersburg, Florida, Pinellas County Circuit Civil No. 88-6779-15 took action intended to preserve the effects of that judgment which issue has been resolved by a stipulation entered into by the County Attorney; and

WHEREAS, County Administration and City Staff have agreed to a funding level which has been accepted by the City Council of St. Petersburg.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, acting as the Emergency Medical Services Authority, in regular session duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, as follows:

- 1) That through the efforts of City and County staff, the City has agreed to reductions in their First Responder budget for 2009-2010 have been met and based upon these reductions, the Authority will provide \$11,903,769.00 in funding for Emergency Medical First Responder Services for the upcoming fiscal year.
- 2) That the Authority will present to the City an interlocal agreement memorializing this agreement.

Unless otherwise stated, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

In a regular meeting duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY

By   
Attorney

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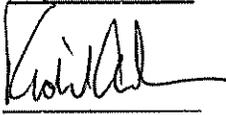
### RESOLUTION REVIEW FORM

Type of Resolution: Proposed Resolution establishing First Responder funding for FY 09-10 and memorializing the agreement between the City of St. Petersburg and the EMS Authority.

Estimated Expenditure: \$11,903,769.00

Available Budget: Funds available in Public Safety Services, EMS Division Budget

The attached documentation is submitted for your review and comment. Upon finalization of your review, please complete this Review Form below and forward to the next Review Authority on the list.

| <u>REVIEW AUTHORITY</u>   | <u>REVIEW DATE</u> | <u>SIGNATURE</u>  | <u>COMMENTS</u>  | <u>COMMENTS ADDRESSED ORIGINATOR'S INITIALS &amp; DATE</u> |
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| <u>Public Safety Services EMS Division</u><br>Richard C. Williams,<br>Director    | <u>7-31-09</u>     |  |  |  |
| <u>Office of Management and Budget</u><br>John Woodruff, Director                 | <u>7/31/09</u>     |  | <u>FY10 Budget is 11,826,230</u><br><u>Difference will have to come from reserves.</u> |  |
| <u>County Administration</u><br>James A. Dates,<br>Assistant County Administrator | <u>8/3/09</u>      |  |  |  |
| <u>County Attorney</u><br>Robert C. Swain,<br>Senior Assistant Attorney           | <u>8/3/09</u>      |  |  |  |

**Please return to Craig Hare as soon as possible.**  
**All inquiries should be made to Craig Hare, at 580-4337. Thank you.**