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**Agenda Item  
Special Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER:  
Esperanza Colio Warren

COUNTY COUNSEL:  
Gregory P Priamos

CLERK OF THE BOARD:  
Vanessa Delgado

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**Item Number: 3.C**

**MEETING DATE:** 06/30/2026

**DEPARTMENT:** EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Vanessa Delgado

**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Esperanza Colio Warren

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN**

1. Approve Amendment #1 with American Medical Response West dba American Medical Response to extend the term as negotiated; and
  2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or to sign the contract.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

The current 911 ambulance contract with American Medical Response expires June 30, 2026. The contract includes a provision for two 30-month extensions. AMR submitted a letter of intent to continue providing the services in San Benito County. With a recommendation from the Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMCC), and consistent performance and compliance to the current agreement, a 30-month extension is suggested, effective July 1, 2026 through January 1, 2029.

The California EMS Authority designated the County as an Exclusive Operating Area without the use of competitive bid process This was done by using the grandfather provisions of Health & Safety Code §1797.224 and to acknowledge that San Benito has continued using, in the same manner and scope without interruption of services, existing Emergency Ambulance Service Providers since January 1, 1981. On July 10, 2006, the California EMS Authority notified San Benito County EMS that it meets EOA grandfathering provisions of Health & Safety Code Section 1797.224.

Due to the high government payor mix (nearly 77% of transports), low reimbursement rate, and low call

volume, the County pays a subsidy to American Medical Response of \$601,458.00 annually. Funds collected from CSA 36 (\$20 parcel tax) contribute to the subsidy.

The Board reviewed the item on June 23 and directed staff to negotiate an amendment to the termination provisions to provide for early termination in the event of the formation of a special district to manage fire and EMS services. County Counsel has negotiated a revised provision for the Board's consideration.

GL #227.15.2475.1000.619.250

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

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**Contract History:**

- 2004-2009 - no subsidy
- 2009-2014 - no subsidy
- 2014-2019 - no subsidy
- 2019-2021 - extensions on contract due to Covid 2021-2026
- Current contract
- Subsidy Amount Paid to AMR:
  - 7/1/2019-6/30/2021 **\$5,000**
  - 7/20/2021 - December 2022 **\$178,658 + (5% increase in ambulance base rate)**
  - 2023 Calendar Year - **\$300,958** subsidy + **(5% increase in ambulance base rate)**
  - 2024 Calendar Year - **\$421,458** subsidy (no increase in ambulance base rate)
  - 2025 - **\$601,458** subsidy + **3.4%** increase in ambulance base rate

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet -American Medical Response Amendment #1](#)  
[AMR Extension Request Letter](#)  
[Sole Source Justification](#)