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**Agenda Item
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Supervisors
Tuesday, June 23, 2026**

Item Number: 1.19

MEETING DATE: 06/23/2026

DEPARTMENT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Kris Mangano

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 through January 1, 2029; and
 2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or to sign the contract.
- SBC FILE NUMBER: 75.5

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT 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.

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 with a 3.4% increase in ambulance base rate

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve Amendment #1 with American Medical Response West dba American Medical Response to extend the term through January 1, 2029; and
2. Authorize the Chair, County Executive Officer, or to sign the contract.

ATTACHMENTS:

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