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Press Release concerning EMS services for Newberry Township

Since learning the news that Newberry Township Fire and EMS has decided to end EMS services as of September 30, 2021, we have been in contact with several local EMS providers and the Emergency Health Service Federation and the Board feels confident that we will secure adequate EMS services for the interim period of Oct. 1, 2021 to July 1, 2022 when the multi-year EMS service provider contract will take effect.

The decision to end EMS service for Newberry Township by the Newberry Township Fire Department was unexpected and unfortunate. I want to make it clear that the Board's decision to solicit for Proposals for EMS services for the Township was in the best interest of the residents based on the level of services we have been experiencing. Newberry Township Fire and EMS were not excluded from providing proposals for the multi-year contract. Their latest press release dated Sept. 7, 2021 on their website attempts to explain the circumstances for their decision to end services on Sept. 30 and why they felt they could not submit a proposal.

Additionally, the Newberry Township Board of Supervisors had no intentions and at no time made statements that we would discontinue the current funding schedule for the EMS services provided by Newberry Township Fire and EMS prior to July 1, 2022. (\$9,167 per month and \$37,499 for workers compensation insurance as well as property liability insurance for the EMS vehicles) We have been providing this funding to the Newberry Township Fire and EMS without any formal contract or written agreement detailing services that would be provided for many years. Basically, no guarantee of services to be provided to our expectations for the residents of Newberry Township.

When we secure definitive coverage for EMS services beginning Oct. 1, 2021, we will provide that information to the public by way of posting on our Facebook page and our website.

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Chairman, Board of Supervisors