



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DATE: July 23, 2013

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17

Consent Agenda ☐

Regular Agenda ☒

Public Hearing ☐

County Administrator's Signature:

Subject:

Resolution revising Emergency Medical Service Districts.

Department:

Safety and Emergency Services - EMS Division

Staff Member Responsible:

Bruce Moeller, Executive 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 PURPOSE OF REVISING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.

Summary Explanation/Background:

In accordance with Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (Special Act), the EMS Authority is required to designate districts within the territorial boundaries of Pinellas County for the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The City of St. Petersburg is assuming responsibility for the eastern portion of the Highpoint Fire Control District and will operate a single Paramedic Advanced Life Support (ALS) Engine pursuant to the Award of Bid for Fire Protection Services - Contract No 123-0226-B (SS). The Resolution revises the EMS Districts to change the responsibility from the City of Pinellas Park to the City of St. Petersburg.

Historically, ALS First Responder Services were provided by a single Paramedic Engine located within the eastern portion of the Highpoint District from the County's Fire Station 36. This approach began in the 1980s until 2007. This was the most cost effective approach and ensured an appropriate EMS service level to the unincorporated residents.

In FY07-08 the City requested they be allowed to provide ALS First Responder Services from an EMS Station located within the City of Pinellas Park (Station 37). This Rescue Unit does not meet the "volume of responses per response zone" requirements established in 2009 by Resolution 09-37.

The proposed provision of ALS First Responder Services by a single Paramedic Engine from Fire Station 36 by the City of St. Petersburg will negate the need and continued County EMS funding of Rescue 37 operated by Pinellas Park. This action will reduce EMS funded staffing by one (1) Paramedic position while maintaining the same number of ALS First Responder Units in the service area.

Fiscal Impact/Cost/Revenue Summary:

None

Exhibits/Attachments Attached:

Resolution Establishing Emergency Medical Service Districts (EMS Districts)

RESOLUTION NO: 13- _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER CHAPTER 80-585,
LAWS OF FLORIDA, AS AMENDED, ESTABLISHING
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE DISTRICTS.**

WHEREAS, The Florida Legislature in Chapter 80-585, Laws of Florida, as amended (the "Act"), established the Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services Authority ("Authority") which was subsequently approved by referendum of the electorate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is established as the governing body of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is required to provide for the designation of districts within the territorial boundaries of Pinellas County for the provision of Emergency Medical Services; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined, that certain adjustments to existing district boundaries should be made based upon changes in the service providers within certain districts heretofore established; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Resolution 09-37 which establishes the level of service for the county-wide EMS system, in order to implement the level of service requirements it is necessary for the Authority to set the boundaries of the several EMS districts in order to provide for appropriate EMS services throughout the County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, sitting as the governing body of the
Authority, in regular session duly assembled this _____ day of _____
2013, that:**

Section 1. The following Cities along with the areas in which they provide Fire protection services are designated as Emergency Medical Service Districts:

- A. City of Pinellas Park along with the Pinellas Park Fire District
- B. City of St. Petersburg, the portion of the Highpoint Fire District served by St. Petersburg and the Gandy Fire District

Section 2. This Resolution amends Resolution 10-154.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect on October 1, 2013.

In a regular meeting duly assembled this _____ day of _____ 2013,
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:

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM
OFFICE OF COUNTY ATTORNEY**

By



Attorney