



April 7, 2022

Dear Mr. Cannon, Mayor McQuisten and City Councilors,

As you know, the City and County have been in conversation about a County contribution toward ambulance services. A contract drafted by the City included a contribution of \$137,000 for the next fiscal year, based on a cost-per-call formula that the City proposed. The County responded with no change to the formula, but with a not-to-exceed limit for a County contribution of \$130,000. This represents a 30% increase from the County's contribution in the 2021/22 fiscal year.

Baker County Board of Commissioners has been informed that Baker City Fire Department is anticipating a budgetary shortfall of approximately \$750,000 for its ambulance service in the coming fiscal year. In light of the new information regarding the City's shortfall, the County, at their April 6, 2022 Commission Session, voted to approve a County contribution of \$150,000. This represents 20% of the total shortfall that has been reported by the City, in recognition that 20% of the ambulance call volume comes from county residents outside the city limits. The County's contribution would be made by quarterly payments of \$37,500, invoiced by the City to the County. This contribution would not be based on a cost-per-call formula, but rather a guaranteed dollar figure paid quarterly.

If this is acceptable to the City, the County would assume that other provisions in the contract would remain the same unless the City responds with proposed amendments. The proposed contract is attached to this letter. Please let us know if the City is still interested in pursuing an agreement for ambulance services for the next fiscal year.

Sincerely,

Bill Harvey
Baker County Commission Chair

cc: Mark Bennett, Commissioner;
Bruce Nichols, Commissioner