PROPOSED ORDINANCE 22-08

Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of Faulkner County, State of Arkansas. An Ordinance to be entitled: An Ordinance to provide Emergency Medical Services and to declare an emergency.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated §14-14-802 allows county government, acting through the county quorum court, to provide emergency services, including ambulance services; and

WHEREAS, a request for qualifications was published in the Log Cabin Democrat on February 3, 2022. Upon opening the responses on February 14, 2022, Pafford Medical Services Inc. ("Pafford") was the only response received. Pafford met the requested requirements; and

WHEREAS, the city of Conway has opted to exercise its authority establishing an ambulance service which is separate and apart from Faulkner County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF FAULKNER COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: This ordinance shall govern all cities and geographic regions within Faulkner County which have not opted to exercise their independent emergency medical establishment authority pursuant to A.C.A. §14-266-107.

Section 2: The Quorum Court finds that Pafford Medical Services Inc. shall be the provider of emergency medical services and ambulance operations for all areas identified in Section 1 beginning on March 1, 2022, and extending until the termination of their contract with Faulkner County.

Section 3: The Quorum Court authorizes the Faulkner County Judge to enter into an exclusive franchise agreement with Pafford to provide emergency medical services and ambulance operations to all areas identified in Section 1.

Section 4: EMERGENCY CLAUSE. The adoption of this Ordinance is an emergency and therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect beginning on February 23, 2022.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance is adopted to comply with the provisions of A.C.A. § 14-14-802 and shall be effective as of February 23, 2022.

Passed by the Quorum Court on February 22, 2022.

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| Margaret Darter | James Baker |
| Quorum Court Secretariat | Faulkner County Judge |
| Faulkner County, Arkansas | Faulkner County, Arkansas |
| Dated: | Dated: |