

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20050251

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve a Resolution to amend Administrative Code AC-3-10; External Fees & Charges Manual, External Fee # 22-1 Ambulance Service Fees.

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY:

Approval is necessary to 1) Brings EMS ambulance user fees in line with higher reimbursement rate structure; 2) Establish a Special Detail user fee for ambulance standby; 3) Establish an EMS Public Education user fees to cover material costs of courses offered to the public.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES:

Approval will 1) authorize EMS billing vendor ADPI to adjust ambulance transport billing rates; 2) allow EMS to bill private organizations requesting special ambulance coverage for a special event; 3) allow EMS to charge individuals taking public education classes for course materials.

**2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT #:**

C7B

3. MEETING DATE:

03-15-2005

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

**5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)**

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER _____
- B. DEPARTMENT _____
- C. DIVISION Public Safety
- BY: John Wilson, Director *JW*

7. BACKGROUND: Ambulance Transport User Fee

In November 2003, the Board approved Lee County EMS ambulance fee schedule as mandated by the 1997 Balanced Budget Act. Since then, the amount of Medicare Part B and other insurance providers' reimbursement for the fee schedule in place has increased over the last two years. The proposed fees will enable EMS to capture additional revenue currently not collected as the result of the rates being low. Note: the helicopter user fee will go into effect upon the department's receipt of a FAA Part 135 Certification. The new user fees are expected to increase EMS revenue for the remainder of FY'05 by \$725,000.00. User Fee Schedule Attached.

Special Detail User Fee

EMS is often asked to commit an ambulance with crew to standby at special events. A special detail fee of \$140 per hour will enable the department to recoup the Unit Hour cost associated with paying off-duty personnel with equipment to standby at special events.

Public Education User Fee

The EMS Public Information & Education Resource (PIER) section provides numerous public education courses yearly and does not have a means to collect revenue for the material handed out (books, certificates). User fees based on the type of course instructed will enable EMS to charge individuals for course materials provided. Attached: Resolution, EMS User Fees Schedule, EMS Service Fee Explanation.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

Management recommends approval.

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

A Department Director	B Purchasing or Contracts	C Human Resources	D Other	E County Attorney	F Budget Services				G County Manager
					OA	OM	Risk	GC	
<i>[Signature]</i>					<i>[Signature]</i> 2/24/05	<i>[Signature]</i> 3/1/05	<i>[Signature]</i> 2/24/05	<i>[Signature]</i> 2/24/05	<i>[Signature]</i> 3/3/05

10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

Rec. by CoAtty
Date: <i>3/1/05</i>
Time: <i>2:30</i>
Forwarded To: <i>Admin 2/24</i>

RECEIVED BY COUNTY ADMIN: <i>2/25/05</i>
COUNTY ADMIN FORWARDED TO: <i>JW</i>
<i>3/3/05</i>
<i>[Signature]</i>

LEE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE LEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATING TO AMENDMENTS TO THE LEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE AS ADOPTED BY LEE COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 97-23; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE LEE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the governing body in and for Lee County, a political subdivision of the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously enacted Lee County Ordinance No. 96-01, creating a charter form of government for Lee County pursuant to Section 125.80 and ff., Florida Statutes, and which was approved and ratified by the Electorate of Lee County on November 5, 1996; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has previously enacted Lee County Ordinance No. 97-23, which adopted the Lee County Administrative Code pursuant to Section 2.2.E. of Ordinance No. 96-01, the Lee County Charter; and,

WHEREAS, Lee County Ordinance No. 97-23 at Section III allows and provides for amendments to the Lee County Administrative Code to be made by Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners at a regularly scheduled Board of County Commissioners' meeting; and,

WHEREAS, certain amendments to the Lee County Administrative Code are now being proposed, and the Board of County Commissioners finds that such proposed amendments are acceptable, serve a public purpose and are consistent with the terms and conditions of Lee County Ordinance No. 96-01, the Lee County Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT:

1. The above preamble is hereby accepted and approved as being true and accurate, and is adopted and incorporated herein as if set out further at length.
2. The proposed amendment(s) to the Lee County Administrative Code AC-3-10; Ext Fee # 22-1(attached hereto as Exhibit A), is (are) approved, and are hereby directed to be incorporated into the Lee County Administrative Code as indicated in the amendment(s).
3. The provisions of this Resolution are severable, and it is the intention to confer to the whole or any part of this Resolution, the powers herein provided for. If any of the provisions of this Resolution shall be held unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of such court shall not affect or impair any of the other remaining provisions of this Resolution. It is hereby declared to be the Board's legislative intent that this Resolution would have been adopted had such an unconstitutional provision not been included herein.
4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Board of County Commissioners.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and, being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

ROBERT P. JANES _____
DOUGLAS ST. CERNY _____
RAY JUDAH _____
TAMMY HALL _____
JOHN E. ALBION _____

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:
CHARLIE GREEN, CLERK

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Office of the County Attorney

DEPARTMENT:

EXTERNAL FEE NUMBER: EX 22-1

DIVISION: Public Safety / EMS Program

PURPOSE: Ambulance Service, Special Detail and Public Education Fees

BASIS FOR FEE: Balanced Budget Act – National Ambulance Fee Schedule

DATE APPROVED:

AMBULANCE SERVICE TRANSPORT FEES

1) Basic Life Support (BLS –Non emergency)	\$325.00
2) Basic Life Support (BLS – Emergency)	\$400.00
3) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Non Emergency)	\$450.00
4) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Emergency)	\$500.00
5) Advanced Life Support (ALS 2)	\$600.00
6) Special Care Transport (SCT)	\$650.00
7a) Non Rural Helicopter Transport	\$3,200.00
7b) Rural Helicopter Transport	\$4,050.00

MILEAGE FEES

Ambulance Transport Mileage Charge (Non Rural)	\$9.00 per mile
Ambulance Transport Mileage Charge (Rural)	\$10.00 per mile
Helicopter Transport Mileage Charge (Non Rural)	\$35.00 per air mile
Helicopter Transport Mileage Charge (Rural)	\$50.00 per air mile

TREAT-NON TRANSPORT FEES

Special Medical Fee (Paramedic Treatment / Non Transport)	\$90.00
Treat -Non Transport (BLS Intervention / Non Transport)	\$35.00

AMBULANCE SPECIAL DETAIL FEE

Special event request for a dedicated ambulance with staff	\$140.00 per hour
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PUBLIC EDUCATION COURSE MATERIAL FEES

American Heart Association Heartsaver AED Course for the lay rescuer	\$35.00
American Heart Association Heartsaver First Aid Course for the lay rescuer	\$45.00
American Heart Association Heartsaver BLS Healthcare Provider Course for the lay rescuer	\$50.00

EMS SERVICE EXPLANATION

1) Basic Life Support (BLS –Non emergency)

Ambulance needed to transport a stable patient from one medical facility to another (Inter-facility transport). The emergency access number 9-1-1 is not utilized.

2) Basic Life Support (BLS – Emergency)

Ambulance needed to transport a patient requiring medical care to a medical facility. Patient does not require paramedic advance life support intervention. The emergency access number 9-1-1 was utilized.

3) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Non Emergency)

Ambulance needed to transport a patient requiring medical care. Paramedic assessment and intervention (i.e. intravenous line started) initiated. Patient condition is not life threatening. The emergency access number 9-1-1 was utilized.

4) Advanced Life Support (ALS 1 – Emergency)

Ambulance needed to transport a patient requiring immediate medical care. Paramedic assessment and intervention provided. (i.e. intravenous line, medications). Patient condition is unstable. The emergency access number 9-1-1 was utilized.

5) Advanced Life Support (ALS 2)

Ambulance needed to transport a patient in critical condition (i.e. trauma alert, cardiac or respiratory arrest). The emergency access number 9-1-1 was utilized.

6) Special Care Transport (SCT)

Specialty Care Ambulance required to transport a special need patient (i.e. neonatal baby in incubator).

7a) Non Rural Helicopter Transport

Helicopter response and transport in Lee County or other counties not considered "Rural" under state designation.

7b) Rural Helicopter Transport

Helicopter response and transport in counties designated as rural (Desoto, Glades, Hendry).