



REGULAR MEETING

August 01, 2022
10:00 AM

Albany-Dougherty Government Center
222 Pine Ave, Room 100, Albany, GA 31701

AGENDA

To comply with the request set forth by the Chairman of Dougherty County, GA and the guidelines of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the Coronavirus (COVID19) pandemic and social distancing, face coverings (masks) are optional for all meeting participants.

The public will also have access to the live meeting by accessing the Dougherty County Georgia Government Facebook page at facebook.com/Dougherty.ga.us or viewing the public government access channel (Channel 16).

1. Call the meeting to order by Chairman Christopher Cohilas.
2. Roll Call.
3. Invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Minutes.
 - a. Consider for action the Minutes of the July 11th Regular Meeting and the July 11th Work Session. **ACTION:**
6. Delegations (*The Commission will hear comments on those items pertaining to Dougherty County for which a public hearing has not been held or scheduled. Please be brief, to the point, and considerate of time for others.*)
 - a. Dr. Charles Ruis, Director for the Southwest Georgia District for the Department of Public Health, present to provide information on monkeypox.
 - b. James Morgan, County Extension Coordinator, present to update the Commission with the Quarterly Report.

7. Purchases.
 - a. Consider for action the recommendation to purchase one (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor in the amount of \$38,201 and one (1) 2022 Ford Police Responder in the amount of \$37,951 from State Contract holder, Wade Ford (Smyrna, GA) for a total expenditure of \$76,152. Funding is budgeted in SPLOST VII. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison will address. Deputy Chief Terron Hayes, Captain Ken Faust and City of Albany Buyer Corey Gamble are present. **ACTION:**

8. Additional Business.
 - a. Consider for action the Resolution providing for the acceptance and execution of the service agreement renewal by the County Administrator with Ambulance Medical Billing (AMB), (Paducah, Kentucky) for EMS billing. **ACTION:**
 - b. Consider for action the submittal of a letter of support from the Chairman to the Judicial Council of Georgia for a fourth Superior Court Judge for the Dougherty Judicial Circuit. County Administrator Michael McCoy will address. **ACTION:**
 - c. Consider for action the recommendation to adopt a resolution filing for the execution of an intergovernmental agreement and calling for the imposition of SPLOST VIII and apportioning the estimated \$100 million in projected SPLOST proceeds over a six (6) year period at 36/64 between Dougherty County and the City of Albany. County Administrator Michael McCoy and County Attorney Alex Shalishali will address. **ACTION:**
 - d. Consider for action the proposed millage rate for advertising. The final adoption of the 2022 rate will set be on August 29, 2022. Public Hearings will be held on August 15, 2022 (10 am and 6pm) and on August 29th (10 am). **ACTION:**

9. Updates from the County Administrator.

10. Updates from the County Attorney.

11. Updates from the County Commission.
 - a. REMINDER - The 2021 property tax sale will be held on Tuesday, August 2, 2022, at 10:00 am it will be held in front of the Dougherty County Judicial Building.

12. Adjourn.

Individuals with disabilities who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to observe and/or participate in this meeting, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities are required to contact the ADA Coordinator at 229-431-2121 promptly to allow the County to make reasonable accommodations for those persons.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

July 11, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 11, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones, and Ed Newsome. Also present were County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Attorney Spencer Lee, County Clerk Jawahn Ware, and other staff. The public and representatives of the media participated in person and via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Commissioner Victor Edwards was absent.

The Chairman provided the invocation and led the audience in stating the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman recognized the new City of Albany Recreation and Parks Director Steven Belk to the Board. Mr. Belk provided sentiments and shared his 90-day goals and core values.

The Chairman called for approval of the minutes of the June 6th Regular Meeting and June 13th Work Session.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution declaring a 2011 Chevy Tahoe (from ADDU) as surplus and authorize the sale through Underwriters Safety & Claims. Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison addressed.

Commissioner Newsome moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Jones, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-032 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS A SALVAGED 2011
CHEVY TAHOE (VIN NO. 1GNLC2E05BR127955) AND HAVE
SAID SURPLUSSED SALVAGED VEHICLE DISPOSED OF
THROUGH UNDERWRITERS SAFETY AND CLAIMS,
DOUGHERTY COUNTY'S THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR;

REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS IN
CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Chairman called for consideration the acceptance of the Economic Adjustment Program Grant for the multipurpose trails in the amount of \$2,080,946. The total estimated project cost is \$7,652,200. The City's contribution is nonmonetary and will consist of installing the fiber optic conduit, cable, and electric conduit for future electrical distribution along the trail. The County's contribution of \$5,571,254 will be funded in TSPLOST. The grant is provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy shared that the numbers are different and the County was awarded more than 3 million dollars. However, the agenda reflects what is listed on the paperwork that needs to be signed by the Chairman.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Gaines seconded the motion. Under discussion, Mr. McCoy clarified that the funding may be used to cover the County's cost share. Chairman Cohilas shared how the City's contribution made our application more competitive. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for a consideration of a motion to have the Chairman notify the City of Albany of the County's position relative to the Renegotiation of the Local Option Sales Tax proceeds. The City's distribution request for the LOST proceeds was made by City Manager Steven Carter is for a 70/30 split favorable to the City. An analysis of the eight criteria as dictated by the LOST statute made by County Consultant Phil Sutton determined that an equitable split of the LOST proceeds would be 53% to the County and 47% to the City. Historically, the percentage split has been 60% City and 40% County. Chairman Christopher Cohilas and Commissioners discussed. County Administrator Michael McCoy was present. Chairman Cohilas thanked Mr. McCoy and Commissioner Johnson for participating in the meeting with the City of Albany. An overview of LOST and SPLOST were provided to the public. Attorney Lee discussed the impact of any change in the distribution contribution and what will happen if an agreement is not met. It was shared that the County's position is to keep the historic split of 60/40 favorable to the City.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Commissioner Johnson and Chairman Cohilas also shared that the position of the 60/40 is also predicated upon the notation that the County makes contributions within the City. The process was reclarified for Commissioner Gaines. Commissioner Johnson shared with the public that the City of Albany can generate other revenue sources, unlike the County. Commissioner Jones wanted the citizens to be educated on the process. Mr. McCoy will prepare a written correspondence on the County's unanimous position and make sure that all Commissioners are copied. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

The Chairman called for a discussion of SPLOST VIII proposed projects. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy reminded everyone of the SPLOST meeting on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 2 p.m. After discussion with Albany Technical College, the SPLOST VIII list was revised to show local participation for the Law Enforcement Academy. It is not expected for local government to pay, but the application submission by Albany Technical College needed to show the government's participation. Commissioner Gaines asked about funding for the morgue and Mr. McCoy said an update can be provided but he was confident that the morgue can be built with SPLOST VII funding.

The Chairman called for consideration of the resolution providing for the collection of an Excise Tax on rooms, lodgings and accommodations throughout the unincorporated area of Dougherty County. County Attorney Spencer Lee was present.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Gray, the motion for approval passed unanimously. Resolution 22-033 is entitled:

A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION TO IMPLEMENT TITLE 48, CHAPTER 13,
ARTICLE 3, SECTION 48-13-50 ET SEQ OF THE OFFICIAL CODE
OF GEORGIA ANNOTATED, - EXCISE TAX ON ROOMS,
LODGINGS, AND ACCOMMODATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FOR
THE COLLECTION BY OPERATOR; TO PROVIDE FOR
ADMINISTRATION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Attorney Lee left at 11 a.m.

The Chairman called for consideration of the recommendation from the Board to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Upon a second by Commissioner Johnson, the motion for approval passed unanimously. The Board returned from Executive Session at 11:30 a.m.

The Chairman called for consideration of the Board's recommendation to accept the engagement letter for legal services dated July 6, 2022 from Page Scrantom.

Commissioner Jones moved for approval. Commissioner Newsome seconded the motion. Under discussion, Chairman Cohilas shared that it was the Board's desire to continue the

services of Attorney Lee until August. He added that Mr. Lee will work with Alex Shalishali during the transition and Attorney Shalishali will be present at the next meeting. The engagement letter will be executed as well. Chairman Cohilas thanked everyone who was involved in the attorney hiring process. There being no further discussion, the motion for approval passed unanimously.

Mr. McCoy shared that there was a discussion of a disparity study and it may qualify under professional services under SPLOST. Commissioner Johnson asked that Dougherty County School System be involved when engaging the City of Albany for costs to be split. Commissioner Gaines asked Mr. McCoy about the Mental Health provision under the recent gun law and if it can be reviewed by Cornerstone for possible funding at the local level.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

DOUGHERTY COUNTY COMMISSION
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES

DRAFT

July 11, 2022

The Dougherty County Commission met in Room 100 of the Albany-Dougherty Government Center on July 11, 2022. Chairman Christopher Cohilas presided and called the meeting to order immediately after the Regular Meeting. Present were Commissioners Gloria Gaines, Russell Gray, Clinton Johnson, Anthony Jones and Ed Newsome. County Administrator Michael McCoy, Assistant County Administrator Scott Addison, County Clerk Jawahn Ware and other staff were also present. The public and representatives of the media participated in person via live streaming of the meeting on the County's Facebook page and the government public access channel. Commissioner Victor Edwards and County Attorney Spencer Lee were absent.

The Chairman asked the Commission to review the minutes of the June 27th Regular Meeting.

The Chairman recognized Mark D. Pressley, GDOT D4A5 Area Manager to update the Commission on the proposed plan for State Route 133 from North of County Road 459/County Line Road to North of County Road 540/Holly Drive. Mr. Pressley stated that this corridor will link Valdosta and Albany and the four-lane highway will make it more convenient for travelers.

The Chairman recognized Harriet Y. Hollis, Program Manager, Disaster Recovery and Grants to provide an update on the CDBG-DR Homeowner Reconstruction and Rehabilitation (HHRP) program. Ms. Hollis mentioned that the budget increased to \$1.5 million and an additional increase is forecasted. Questions of the Board were answered. She will provide a list of contractors and a listing of homes without personally identifiable information. She clarified that per DCA (the Department of Community Affairs) the grant is non-reimbursable and the funding is for 2017. She also added that DCA is solely handling 2018.

The Chairman recognized William Wright, the representative for AFRAM Tech, Inc. to continue his update to the Commission. Mr. Wright's primary focus was on the distribution of SPLOST VII, the proposed SPLOST VIII listing and the lack of representation of awards to black contractors. He stressed the need for a SPLOST oversight committee and posed that those budgets are still the same, but the area has a population decrease. Commissioner Johnson thanked AFRAM Tech Inc. for the information that was presented and for the assistance given to the Commission in the past. Chairman Cohilas asked that Mr. Wright no longer have vague items listed on the agenda or no longer speak on topics with scheduled public hearings.

The Chairman called for a discussion of the zoning application for Ronnie Gay & Charlotte A. Gay; owner and applicant (22-037) request to rezone 4.195 acres from R-2 (Single Family Residential District) to C-8 (Commercial Recreation District). The proposed use is for Recreational Vehicle Park. The property is located at 3420 Sylvester Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval. Angel Gray, Planning Manager addressed. The Public Hearing and Action are scheduled for July 18, 2022.

The Chairman called for the presentation of the financial impact of the implementation of the three pay plan study options. Finance Director Martha Hendley addressed. Mrs. Hendley said that the three funds (The General, Special Services District and Solid Waste) would be impacted for salaries, wages, and benefits. She said that one mil equals \$2,040,616 and provided the different options as follows:

- If Option A is selected, it would be 1.30 mils from the General Fund and 0.39 in the Special Services District.
- If Option B is selected, it would be 1.71 mils from the General Fund and 0.53 mils from the Special Services District.
- If Option C is selected, it would be 2.74 mils from the General Fund and 0.85 mils from the Special Services District.

The respective increases are \$2,952,450 (Option A), \$3,866,930 (Option B), \$6,210,834 (Option C). The costs for implementation for July 1, 2022 vs. January 1, 2023 were provided. Dr. Long addressed questions of the Board regarding competitiveness. Commissioners Jones and Johnson shared their concerns about Dr. Long not being physically present.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept one of the three proposed compensation and classification study plans. County Administrator Michael McCoy, HR Director Dominique Hall and President of Management Advisory Group International Inc. Dr. Donald Long addressed.

Commissioner Gray left at 12:52 p.m.

The Chairman called for a discussion to accept the amendment of Dougherty County's contract with Dougherty County Police Chief Kenneth Johnson. County Administrator Michael McCoy addressed. Mr. McCoy said that the decision on the Chief's adjusted pay would be based on the pay study decision made by the Board. Commissioner Johnson confirmed if the County Clerk and Coroner were included in the pay study. Mr. McCoy shared that the Clerk was but not the Coroner because he was an elected official. Mr. McCoy said his position was not included but would accept an increase if it is the will of the Board.

There being no further business to discuss the Commission the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK

Monkeypox Update- as of July 29, 2022

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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What is Monkeypox?

- **Monkeypox is a rare disease caused by infection with the monkeypox virus.** Monkeypox virus is part of the same family of viruses as variola virus, the virus that causes smallpox. Monkeypox symptoms are similar to smallpox symptoms, but milder, and **monkeypox is rarely fatal.** Monkeypox is not related to chickenpox.
- Monkeypox was discovered in 1958 when two outbreaks of a pox-like disease occurred in colonies of monkeys kept for research. Despite being named "monkeypox," the source of the disease remains unknown. However, African rodents and non-human primates (like monkeys) might harbor the virus and infect people.
- The first human case of monkeypox was recorded in 1970. Prior to the 2022 outbreak, monkeypox had been reported in people in several central and western African countries. Previously, almost all monkeypox cases in people outside of Africa were linked to international travel to countries where the disease commonly occurs or through imported animals. These cases occurred on multiple continents.

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What are the symptoms?

- Fever
- Headache
- Muscle aches and backache
- Swollen lymph nodes
- Chills
- Exhaustion
- A rash that can look like pimples or blisters that appears on the face, inside the mouth, and on other parts of the body, like the hands, feet, chest, genitals, or anus.

The rash goes through different stages before healing completely. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Sometimes, people get a rash first, followed by other symptoms. Others only experience a rash.

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3

How is monkeypox spread?

The virus can spread from person to person through:

- direct contact with the infectious rash, scabs, or body fluids
- respiratory secretions during prolonged, face-to-face contact, or during intimate physical contact, such as kissing, cuddling, or sex
- touching items (such as clothing or linens) that previously touched the infectious rash or body fluids
- pregnant people can spread the virus to their fetus through the placenta

It's also possible for people to get monkeypox from infected animals, either by being scratched or bitten by the animal or by preparing or eating meat or using products from an infected animal.

Monkeypox can spread from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed and a fresh layer of skin has formed. The illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. **People who do not have monkeypox symptoms cannot spread the virus to others.**

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4

How can you prevent monkeypox?

Take the following steps to prevent getting monkeypox:

- Avoid close, skin-to-skin contact with people who have a rash that looks like monkeypox.
 - Do not touch the rash or scabs of a person with monkeypox.
 - Do not kiss, hug, cuddle or have sex with someone with monkeypox.
 - Do not share eating utensils or cups with a person with monkeypox.
- Do not handle or touch the bedding, towels, or clothing of a person with monkeypox.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

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5

If you are sick with monkeypox

- Isolate at home
- If you have an active rash or other symptoms, stay in a separate room or area away from people or pets you live with, when possible.

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Vaccine Information

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JYNNEOS Vaccine

- Contains a live virus that cannot replicate efficiently in human cells.
- Requires a two-dose series administered 4 weeks apart.
- Needs to be administered 4-14 days after exposure.
- Approved for people ages 18 years and older.
- Safe for administration to people with HIV and atopic dermatitis.

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Current Vaccine Criteria (July 29, 2022)

The vaccine supply in Georgia is low. We have received a limited number of doses from the federal government, and we are making it available as quickly as possible.

Current Vaccine Criteria

At this time, some patients may be eligible for the monkeypox vaccine if:

1. They meet CDC criteria for [high-risk exposure](#).
2. They have engaged in close, physical contact with 2 or more MSM partners within the last 14 days.

Defining **high-risk** exposure

- Unprotected contact between a person's skin or mucous membranes and the skin, lesions, or bodily fluids from a patient or contaminated materials (e.g., linens, clothing) - OR -
- Being inside the patient's room or within 6 feet of a patient during any procedures that may create aerosols from oral secretions, skin lesions, or resuspension of dried exudates (e.g., shaking of soiled linens), without wearing an N95 or equivalent respirator (or higher) and eye protection -OR-
- Exposure that, at the discretion of public health authorities, was recategorized to this risk level (i.e., exposure that ordinarily would be considered a lower risk exposure, raised to this risk level because of unique circumstances)

Q & A

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH



PROCUREMENT RECOMMENDATION

DATE: July 26, 2022

TITLE: Sheriff Vehicles

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

REFERENCE NUMBER: N/A

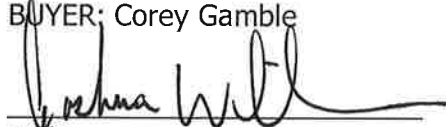
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 3243310.542200

OPENING DATE: N/A

BUDGETED AMOUNT: \$118,721.00

BUYER: Corey Gamble

DEPARTMENT CONTACTS: Ken Faust


Joshua Williams, Interim Procurement Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the purchase of one (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor and (1) 2022 Ford Police Responder from Wade Ford for a total expenditure of \$76,152.00.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The (1) 2022 Ford Police Interceptor and (1) 2022 Ford Police Responder will be purchased utilizing an existing Ga State Contract # 99999 SPD -SPD-0000183-006. Wade Ford of Smyrna Ga. has inventory already in the order bank with Ford Motor Company. The order bank was closed in December of last year. These units will be an addition to the Sheriff's Office fleet.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR ACTION:

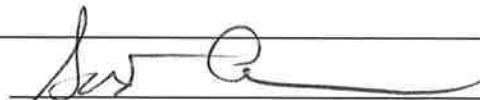
APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

HOLD

COMMENTS:

7/26/22
DATE


COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

List of Documents Attached:

Wade Ford Quote

Wade Ford Email

**A RESOLUTION
ENTITLED
A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXECUTION OF THE JUNE 27, 2022
AMB SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS AND CREDIT BUREAU
SYSTEMS, INC., D/B/A AMBULANCE MEDICAL BILLING; REPEALING RESOLUTIONS OR PARTS
OF RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HEREWITH;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, Dougherty County EMS (“EMS”) entered a certain May 1, 2019 AMB Service Agreement with Credit Bureau Systems, Inc., d/b/a Ambulance Medical Billing (“Ambulance Medical Billing”) for Ambulance Medical Billing to handle billing and reimbursement of patients and third-party payers for services rendered by Dougherty County EMS for a three-year term; and

WHEREAS, Dougherty County EMS and Ambulance Medical Billing wish to renew their agreement for Ambulance Medical Billing to handle its billing and reimbursement for services Dougherty County EMS renders to its patients by executing the June 27, 2022 AMB Service Agreement attached hereto and specifically incorporated by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia is hereby desirous of approving and executing the June 27, 2022 AMB Service Agreement between Dougherty County EMS and Ambulance Medical Billing attached hereto and specifically incorporated by reference.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Dougherty County, Georgia and it is hereby resolved by Authority of same as follows:

SECTION I The attached June 27, 2022 AMB Service Agreement between Dougherty County EMS and Ambulance Medical Billing is hereby approved and the County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute same. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to execute any and all other documents necessary to full implementation of the June 27, 2022 AMB Service Agreement.

SECTION II All Resolutions or parts of Resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This the 1st day of August, 2022.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
DOUGHERTY COUNTY, GEORGIA

ATTEST:

BY: _____
Christopher S. Cohilas, Chairman

County Clerk

AMB SERVICE AGREEMENT

THIS AMB SERVICE AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made and entered into on this the 27th day of June, 2022, by and between Dougherty County EMS, of 1436 Palmyra Road, Albany, Georgia 31701 - 1868 (“CLIENT”), and Credit Bureau Systems, Inc. d/b/a Ambulance Medical Billing, of 100 Fulton Court, Paducah, Kentucky 42001-9004 (hereafter “AMB”), pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth herein. For the consideration stated herein, the parties do hereby agree as follows:

1. **Description of Services.** AMB is a national ambulance and EMS full-service billing and revenue cycle management firm, specializing in billing and obtaining payment for services provided by ambulance services, and CLIENT is in the business of providing ambulance services to patients in its geographical location. For the term of this Agreement, as defined herein, AMB shall use commercially reasonable efforts to bill for and obtain reimbursement for CLIENT for the services rendered by the CLIENT to patients, on or after the Effective Date, by billing patients and third-party payers, including applicable governmental programs and entities (hereafter the “Services”). Any additional services which AMB agrees to provide, other than those set forth in this Agreement, will be explicitly set forth in an Addenda hereto which, if applicable, is incorporated herein by reference and explicitly made a part of and included in the Services. All provisions in this Agreement apply to any Addenda unless explicitly stated otherwise.

CLIENT agrees that AMB will be the sole and exclusive provider of the Services during the terms of this Agreement, and CLIENT will not utilize any other party or entity, or its own personnel, to bill for services rendered by CLIENT during the term of this Agreement.

2. **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall be effective for all Services rendered by CLIENT on and after 16th of June, 2022, during the term of this Agreement, as defined herein.

3. **Term.** The initial term of this Agreement shall be for (5) five years from the Effective Date (hereafter the “Initial Term”). The Initial Term shall automatically renew for an additional 3 year term (hereafter the “Additional Term”) unless the Agreement is terminated in the time and manner set forth herein.

4. **Fees.** Beginning as of the Effective Date, CLIENT shall pay AMB a fee of 5.95% per month of net collections received during the Initial Term and any Additional Term (the “Base Fee”), including any wind down period as defined herein. Net collections shall be defined as the total sum of all money collected and/or received by AMB and/or CLIENT, for the services rendered by CLIENT after the Effective Date, during the Initial Term or any Additional Term of this Agreement. It is specifically agreed that net collections are calculated based on gross dollars received, without regard to whether CLIENT has been required to refund any money collected to any third-party payers, including applicable governmental programs and entities. The parties acknowledge that some direct payments will be made to CLIENT during the term of this Agreement (hereafter “Direct Payments”) and CLIENT acknowledges that AMB is entitled to be paid its fee, as described herein, with respect to any such Direct Payments. CLIENT shall report all such Direct Payments to AMB within 72 hours of receiving said payment.

5. **Computer Hardware, Software, and Training.** To implement the Services, CLIENT has requested, and AMB has agreed to provide, the following necessary computer hardware, software, whether cloud based or otherwise, equipment, and training (hereafter collectively the “Equipment”) for the following agreed upon prices:

- a. ePCR (ESO) Subscription (CAD, Cardiac Monitor, Mobile) - \$34,869.60
- b. Hardware - \$0.00
- c. Training - \$2,000.00

Total Charge for Equipment: \$36,869.60

By executing this Agreement, CLIENT acknowledges that the CLIENT has received and is using or can use the Equipment, including all training, contemplated hereunder, unless CLIENT provides written notice, as required herein, to AMB within sixty (60) days of the Effective Date. Absent written notice, CLIENT waives any claim that it did not receive the Equipment, is not using the Equipment, or that the Equipment does not work.

CLIENT further acknowledges that it, rather than AMB, has independently chosen all Equipment and made such investigation into the quality, reliability and need for the Equipment as it deems necessary. CLIENT agrees that AMB is not vouching for or warranting the Equipment, or the specific version of Equipment, and CLIENT agrees that AMB will have no liability or responsibility for any problems, malfunctions, or glitches with the Equipment. CLIENT agrees and acknowledges that its sole remedy with respect to any problems with any Equipment shall be as against the vendor or manufacturer and AMB’s only obligation is to assist CLIENT in finding the appropriate solution so as to provide the Services.

CLIENT and AMB agree and acknowledge that Equipment shall become the property of the CLIENT, and title shall pass to the CLIENT, upon delivery and/or installation by AMB.

If this Agreement is terminated by CLIENT or AMB, for any reason, prior to the completion of the Initial Term, CLIENT shall immediately pay AMB the pro-rata portion of the Total Charge for Equipment that represents the pro-rata portion of the Initial Term that is not completed due to termination (hereafter the “Pro Rata Charge for Equipment”). By way of example, if CLIENT terminates this Agreement, for whatever reason, after 19 of 36 months, CLIENT shall owe and shall pay AMB the Pro Rata Charge for Equipment which shall be equal to 17/36ths of the Total Charge for Equipment, immediately upon termination. CLIENT specifically acknowledges that it shall have no right to return the Equipment or any portion of the Equipment to AMB for a full or partial credit towards the Total Charge for Equipment owed by CLIENT to AMB.

If CLIENT fulfills its obligations as described herein, including its obligation to pay for all Base Fees as described herein, and the Agreement is not terminated prior to the expiration of the Initial Term, CLIENT shall owe no additional amount to AMB for the Equipment.

6. **Remit To Address.** It is mutually agreed that all payer “remit to” addresses and patient payments shall be directed to the office of AMB. CLIENT acknowledges that it is a material

breach of this Agreement to change the “remit to” address for any payer or third-party payers, including applicable governmental programs and entities.

7. **Payment of Fees to AMB.** AMB shall send an invoice to CLIENT for all Base Fees, any Pro Rata Charge for Equipment due and owing, and any other charges, as provided for herein, on or about the 10th day of each month following the close of business for the prior month (hereafter “Invoice”). Payment is due, and CLIENT shall pay, the Invoice upon receipt. Any Invoice, or part of any Invoice, that is not paid by CLIENT within thirty (30) days of the Invoice date, shall be subject to, and CLIENT shall pay, interest at the rate of 1.5% per month until paid.

CLIENT agrees to carefully review each Invoice upon receipt, and CLIENT shall notify AMB in writing with respect to any charges that are disputed within thirty (30) days of the Invoice date. All charges on any Invoice that are not disputed in writing by CLIENT within thirty (30) days of the Invoice date, along with all accrued interest charges, shall be deemed correct, final and non-modifiable by the parties.

CLIENT agrees to, and hereby does, grant AMB a lien and right of offset on all money received and to be received on behalf of CLIENT pursuant to this Agreement, as a result of the Services provided by AMB, up to the amount of all outstanding Invoices.

Should CLIENT fail to pay AMB within thirty (30) days of the date of any Invoice, Client hereby authorizes and directs AMB to access, withhold, retain and apply sufficient sums for payment to AMB of all outstanding Invoices from money paid to and on behalf of CLIENT from payment transactions on patient accounts, whether from insurance companies, governmental payers, or patients. AMB shall have the right, but not the obligation, to take such steps as allowed herein, and AMB does not waive the right to take any steps it is allowed to take hereby by refraining from immediately taking such steps. All balances due and owing to AMB after any offset shall remain due and owing pursuant to the terms set forth herein. Without limiting the foregoing, CLIENT specifically authorizes and directs AMB to change all “remit to” addresses in connection with all billing to direct all patient and/or third-party payments to AMB, rather than CLIENT. AMB shall provide a full and complete accounting to CLIENT of all payments remitted to AMB on behalf of CLIENT, and AMB shall promptly remit to CLIENT all money remitted to AMB, net of any money retained and applied towards amounts owed to AMB. If CLIENT fails to pay any outstanding Invoice within 90 days of the Invoice date, AMB reserves the right to terminate the Agreement immediately with the wind down period being voided and AMB having no further obligations hereunder. AMB’s lien, and right of offset, as set forth herein, shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

8. **Bank Account and Treasury Process.** A bank account or lockbox account will be set up and maintained in the name of CLIENT for the purpose of receiving remittances from AMB (hereafter the “Bank Account”). CLIENT shall be responsible for all bank charges, and AMB shall have no responsibility or liability for any bank error or omissions. Except as provided for in Section 7 of this Agreement, AMB shall remit all amounts collected on a daily basis to the CLIENT’s Bank Account via ACH Electronic Funds Transfer.

9. **Operating Procedures.** CLIENT agrees and acknowledges that in order for AMB to provide the Services contemplated hereby, CLIENT must provide, or cause facilities, hospitals, or

other third-party sites at which CLIENT provides services, to provide to AMB accurate and complete demographic information required by AMB, at no cost to AMB (hereafter the “Demographic Information”). CLIENT acknowledges that AMB will necessarily rely on the Demographic Information in providing the Services contemplated herein, and that the timing and amount of reimbursements and ultimately Net Collections generated by AMB and received by CLIENT is directly related to the completeness, timeliness and accuracy of the Demographic Information and other variables, some of which are beyond the control of AMB. CLIENT agrees, therefore, to provide sufficient employees, and training and oversight of its employees, so that complete and accurate Demographic Information is captured.

AMB will bill and attempt to collect CLIENT charges in a commercially reasonable manner and in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations.

a) **Responsibilities of AMB:**

(1) Provide coding of all encounters generated by CLIENT, as required by third-party payers, inclusive of, but not limited to HCPCS, and the appropriate ICD coding schemes, including but not limited to ICD-9 CM or ICD-10 coding schemes, and such other coding schemes as may be adopted and/or used.

(2) Issue bills to individuals for all self-pay patients with a minimum of 2 statements and 1 script letter (Collection Notice). CLIENT will be given limited discretion regarding the wording to appear on bills and letters.

(3) As necessary, develop and maintain electronic data interfaces directly with CLIENT’s hospital service sites (where such sites allow) for the collection of patient demographic data. CLIENT agrees to apply its best efforts to assist AMB in achieving these interfaces, including, but not limited to interacting with hospital Information Systems staff, Administration, and others.

(4) Issue initial billing to patients and/or third parties no more than three (3) business days after receiving all required information.

(5) Submit claims electronically to all third-party payers capable of accepting claims in electronic format.

(6) Prepare and deliver month-end reports of the billing performance and practice statistics no later than the tenth (10th) business day of the next month. This duty may be fulfilled by electronic and/or paper reports.

(7) Produce monthly credit balance reports and advise the CLIENT of refunds due to both patients and third parties.

(8) Provide toll free phone lines for patient inquiries and adequate phone inquiry staff to effectively respond to patients in a reasonable amount of time.

(9) Use reasonable efforts to advise CLIENT of any material change in third-party rules and regulations which are made known to providers and third-party billing agents or otherwise known to AMB.

b) Responsibilities of CLIENT:

(1) Identify one administrative and one clinical representative to whom AMB may, respectively, address all matters related to Services under this Agreement. If AMB or its selected vendor performs coding for CLIENT, CLIENT will also appoint a coding representative. All CLIENT representatives will have the power to agree, on behalf of CLIENT, to mutually agreed resolutions to any issues arising in their respective areas, and upon AMB's request, receive confirmatory memoranda or letters, which will thereupon be incorporated into this Agreement by reference. These individuals appointed by CLIENT will provide timely response to all reasonable requests by AMB.

(2) CLIENT warrants that AMB may rely on the existence of patient signatures on assignment of benefits, medical information releases and Advance Beneficiary Notices, and physician signatures on charts and other medical documents, as required for submission of claims on behalf of CLIENT.

(3) CLIENT will assist AMB in working with and/or resolving problems related to work performed by personnel employed by hospitals, labs and other institutions in order to achieve the goals of this Agreement and the provision of Services by AMB in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

(4) CLIENT will provide AMB with timely notice at least sixty (60) days prior to the expected addition or reduction of services so that AMB has adequate time to perform its duties under the Agreement. AMB will not be responsible for losses or delays in payment resulting from untimely notice.

(5) It is the mutual goal of CLIENT and AMB to conduct all billing in a compliant manner. CLIENT will establish and enforce and AMB will follow written billing policies and procedures for the practice that will serve as the foundation of a practice Compliance Program for CLIENT and AMB. These billing policies and procedures will be developed and amended, as needed, in concert with AMB's Compliance Staff and AMB's Compliance Plan, as described in the Agreement, and shall be consistent with AMB's Compliance Plan.

(6) CLIENT will respond, within five (5) business days, to any documentation requests, made by payers and/or AMB, and forwarded from AMB.

(7) Upon receipt of the requisite research and worksheets from AMB, CLIENT will timely issue refunds of overpayments to patients and payers and shall be responsible for reconciliation of the refund checking account to assure that all refund checks have been cashed. CLIENT shall promptly notify AMB of the receipt of cancelled checks upon which AMB shall rely to remove credit balances from CLIENT's accounts receivable files. CLIENT shall be solely responsible for monitoring and surrendering unclaimed funds to the Treasurer of the State having escheat jurisdiction over any unclaimed payments.

(8) CLIENT shall be responsible for assuring that all information required for CLIENT enrollment, if performed by AMB, is provided timely, accurately and completely. AMB shall not be responsible for delays in provider enrollment and subsequent billing and payment delays or losses related to delayed response by CLIENT.

(9) CLIENT shall give AMB timely advance notice of any new payment contracts, HMO or PPO relationships and other contracts or market changes so that AMB may accommodate these changes, as necessary.

(10) CLIENT shall give AMB a 30-day notice of any fee schedule changes to update the billing software.

10. **Confidentiality.** AMB agrees not to disclose to anyone other than CLIENT any information about CLIENT's business, fee structure, internal compensation, operating practices and procedures, methods, managed care or facility contracting strategies, or similar business information that would commonly be understood to be confidential or any confidential medical information regarding CLIENT's patients received in the course of performing the Services (CLIENT's "Confidential Information"), except as required to bill charges, as legally required, or as otherwise provided herein.

CLIENT agrees that it will not disclose to third parties information about AMB's business, fee structure, strategies, internal compensation, operating practices, procedures, protocols, methods, vendors, computer hardware and any proprietary software utilized, and resulting or related processes employed by AMB to provide the Services (AMB's "Confidential Information").

Each party's Confidential Information shall remain the property of that party, during and after this Agreement. Both parties shall, at all times, have in force a signed Confidentiality Agreement executed by each full time and part time employee, independent contractor, consultant and vendor that requires CLIENT's Confidential Information and AMB's Confidential Information to be maintained and protected as set forth herein, which said Confidentiality Agreement(s) shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Both parties shall comply with, and assist the other with compliance with applicable state or federal confidentiality requirements as to individual patient information. Notwithstanding the foregoing, CLIENT agrees that AMB may use CLIENT information for research and statistical compilation purposes so long as CLIENT and patient identifying information is kept confidential in accordance with applicable law.

11. **Software, Proprietary Information, and CLIENT Data.** AMB will at all times during the term of this Agreement, have a valid and current copy of and license for use of any third-party billing software used to provide the Services required hereunder, and CLIENT will be given timely notice of any changes in third-party software vendors or systems to the extent those changes would materially affect the Services. The parties agree that AMB may store Demographic Information, back-up documentation, statements, explanations of benefits, payer inquiries and other information it receives in connection with the Services ("CLIENT Information") in electronic form through optical scanning or other technologies selected by AMB and that AMB is not obligated to maintain paper copies. CLIENT represents that it shall maintain a current and complete copy of all CLIENT Information for such time as it deems advisable or is required by

law. During the term of this Agreement, AMB will at all times maintain a current and complete copy of all CLIENT Information in a secure, off-site location. At the expiration of the Initial Term or, if applicable, any Additional term, AMB shall provide CLIENT with a disc or by such other means, of all CLIENT Data which includes a complete list of the existing accounts receivable (all debit and credit balances in an industry standard electronic format, including data layout and/or translation tables (hereafter “Close Out Disk”), if CLIENT has paid all fees due and owing to AMB hereunder. CLIENT agrees and acknowledges that once AMB provides the Close Out Disk, it shall have no further obligation to store CLIENT’s data, except as may be required by law. CLIENT further agrees and acknowledges that if CLIENT terminates this Agreement before the expiration of the Initial Term or, if applicable, any Additional term, or if CLIENT fails to pay AMB all fees due and owing hereunder, AMB shall have no further obligation to store CLIENT’s data, or provide the Close Out Disc, unless otherwise required by law.

It is specifically acknowledged that all CLIENT Data is the property of CLIENT but that AMB may maintain a copy for documentation of Services and for other purposes relating to this Agreement during and after the term of this Agreement.

12. **Termination.** This Agreement can be terminated by CLIENT at any time with 90 (ninety) days written notice, as defined herein, for any reason. CLIENT acknowledges that any termination without written notice, as defined herein, is of no effect. In the event this Agreement is terminated, for whatever reason, or expires, the parties agree as follows:

a) AMB shall continue to perform Services, and be entitled to the Base Fees set forth herein, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days after the effective date of termination (hereafter “Wind Down Period”) for all of CLIENT’s charges for services rendered prior to the termination date (hereafter “Wind Down Fees”).

b) CLIENT expressly agrees to cooperate and assist AMB with its performance during the Wind Down Period and will timely report, or cause to be reported, all payment received during the Wind Down Period.

c) AMB shall discontinue performing Services for CLIENT at the end of the Wind Down Period. CLIENT shall have no right to require the discontinuation of Services before the completion of the Wind Down Period.

d) CLIENT shall pay AMB the Pro Rata Charge for Equipment if the Agreement is terminated by the CLIENT prior to the end of the Initial Term and, if applicable, any Additional Term.

e) AMB shall deliver to CLIENT, conditioned upon full payment to AMB of all Invoices owed to AMB, a Close Out Disk of all accounts in AMB’s billing software.

13. **Non-Employment.** During the term of this Agreement and for a one-year period commencing with the termination of this Agreement, both parties agree not to employ, directly or indirectly, or through any third-party rendering services on behalf of such party, any employees of the other or its parent, affiliates or subsidiaries, without written consent of the other party. Both parties agree that the other party does not have an adequate remedy at law to protect its rights under

this section and agree that the non-defaulting party will have the right to injunctive relief from any violation or threatened violation of this section.

14. **Notice.** All notices required hereunder must be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given upon receipt if delivered by overnight courier service, or seven (7) days after mailing (any such mailing to be by certified or registered mail with first-class postage prepaid), sent to the following:

If to AMB:	If to CLIENT:
<p>Ambulance Medical Billing</p> <p>Attn: Lloyd Ledet</p> <hr/> <p>P.O. Box 9150</p> <hr/> <p>Paducah, Kentucky 42001-9400</p> <hr/>	<p>Dougherty County EMS</p> <p>Attn: Sam Allen</p> <hr/> <p>1436 Palmyra Road</p> <hr/> <p>Albany, Georgia 31701 - 1868</p> <hr/>

15. **Governing Law and Jurisdiction.** This Agreement, and any addendums to it, shall be interpreted and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any dispute or disagreement between CLIENT and AMB, arising under this Agreement or otherwise, the sole and exclusive venue and jurisdiction shall be in the McCracken Circuit Court, McCracken County, Kentucky. In the event the CLIENT files any legal proceeding in any other venue, CLIENT shall be obligated to pay all costs and attorney’s fees incurred by AMB until such time as the action is pending in McCracken County, Kentucky.

16. **Indemnification.** AMB will indemnify, defend (including providing a legal defense and paying all reasonable attorney’s fees and reasonable litigation expenses) and hold harmless, CLIENT, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and contractors, against any claims, damages, or liability (including but not limited to any claims, judgments, causes of action, fines, penalties, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs and/or damages) arising out of AMB’s errors, omissions, or acts which cause damage to CLIENT, in connection with claims by third-party payers, including applicable governmental programs and entities, subject to the limitation of liability set forth herein..

It is mutually understood and agreed that AMB shall use commercially reasonable efforts in the performance of its duties. Collection performance or CLIENT’s cash flow concerns, however, shall not be deemed an error, omission, act, or basis for a claim under this Agreement.

CLIENT will indemnify, defend (including providing a legal defense and paying all reasonable attorney’s fees and reasonable litigation expenses) and hold harmless, AMB, its officers, directors, shareholders, employees and contractors, against any claims, damages, or liability (including but not limited to any claims, judgments, causes of action, fines, penalties, attorneys’ fees, litigation costs and/or damages) arising out of CLIENT’s errors, omissions, or acts which cause damage to AMB.

17. **Compliance.** Both parties agree to, and have represented to each other that they do, perform their respective business activities in a manner consistent with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. As part of the inducement, each to the other, to enter into this Agreement, both parties have represented that they do, and will continue to operate consistent with and fully comply with their respective Corporate Compliance Plans, to the extent that such plans have been adopted. To the extent that no such Plan has been adopted, both parties agree to the following:

a) Each party will conduct its own periodic risk assessment and advise the other party to this Agreement of any findings that may affect that other party's compliance or performance under this Agreement.

b) Both parties agree that the other party hereto may review its Compliance Program upon request.

c) Both parties agree to conduct appropriate background checks on all employees, prospective employees, contractors, agents and vendors to assure that all services are provided by individuals who have not been excluded by any governmental authority or should be excluded by any governmental authority.

d) Both parties agree to maintain appropriate compliance records and assure the completeness and security of said records.

e) Both parties agree to comply with the rules and regulations related to the following areas of widely known compliance risk:

- (1) Improper waiver of charges, deductibles and copayments;
- (2) Up-coding, unbundling, serial reporting and other coding violations;
- (3) Misuse of a provider number or misrepresenting the identity of a provider of services;
- (4) Failure to repay overpayments or failure to timely refund overpayments;
- (5) Seeking duplicate payment for the same service and/or from the same source;
- (6) Failure to maintain proper records of current and prior billing;
- (7) Failure to protect the confidentiality of patient information;

f) Both parties agree that, in the event that they become aware of a compliance concern that appears to be related to the other party's conduct, they will promptly communicate that concern to the other party in writing. The party receiving notice will take prompt action to investigate the concern and will timely (within 30 days) report back to the other party, in writing, their response to the reported concern.

g) Both parties specifically agree that they will defer reporting any such concern to any payer, governmental agency or agent, or law enforcement organization until they have complied with the above paragraph and remain concerned that the other party's response is inappropriate or more than thirty (30) days has elapsed without any response. Both parties agree that only in cases where a party has firm, credible evidence of deliberate, willful or criminal misconduct will they immediately report concerns to anyone other than the other party.

h) Nothing herein shall be construed to infer or imply a duty or expectation that any

party will knowingly conceal or participate in any misconduct or allow any misconduct to continue.

i) It is expressly agreed that AMB has the right and duty to suspend and refuse submission of any and all claims that AMB reasonably believes are, or may be, improper and would subject CLIENT or AMB to compliance violations. AMB has the duty to provide reasonable and timely notice to CLIENT of such suspension and to make reasonable and timely efforts to resolve the issue or concern leading to the suspension of claim submission. In the event that investigation is required to resolve the suspension, each party agrees to cooperate in such investigation.

j) Each party agrees to be separately responsible for their respective compliance-related legal and consulting expenses.

18. **Independent Contractors.** The parties to this Agreement are independent contractors and nothing herein shall be construed to create an employment relationship between either party or its members.

19. **Insurance.** AMB affirms that at all times during the term(s) of this Agreement, it shall have in force valid Worker's Compensation insurance covering all of its employees, as well as General Liability Insurance with a policy limit of no less than \$500,000, and Errors and Omissions insurance coverage with a policy limit of no less than \$3,000,000. AMB shall provide CLIENT proof of required coverage upon request.

20. **Inspection.** CLIENT, its agents and representatives, shall at all times during the term of this Agreement have reasonable access, during regular business hours, to review and inspect the location(s) where the services are performed upon seven (7) days advance written notice to AMB. Any inspection performed shall be subject to the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement and shall be conducted so as not to disrupt AMB's staff or business. AMB shall not unreasonably deny, restrict or delay access for any requested inspection. In the event that CLIENT engages the services of an outside party to conduct or assist in any inspection, CLIENT shall ensure that all other parties are bound by a Confidentiality Agreement identical to the one applicable to the parties to this Agreement.

21. **Force Majeure.** Time is of the essence in the performance of the duties required by each party hereunder. However, performance of duties hereunder may be impeded by occurrences beyond the control of one or both parties. Events such as flood, earthquake, hurricane, tornado, blizzard, fire, riot, war, insurrection, or civil disturbance, strikes by common carriers, disruption of business operations by lawful governmental order due to a pandemic, extended loss (more than 48 hours) of utilities (except for non-payment), and similar events shall excuse the affected party from performance of services impeded by such event(s). Nevertheless, each party has a duty to use reasonable efforts to prevent or mitigate such impediments. In the event that any catastrophe shall prevent the timely billing of CLIENT's services by AMB for more than fifteen (15) working days, CLIENT shall have the right to secure, without penalty, substitute services until AMB can restore services, at which time AMB's responsibilities and rights under this Agreement shall be reinstated. For its protection, CLIENT shall, at its own expense, purchase and maintain business interruption and/or accounts receivable insurance coverage to cover any such catastrophic event, as stated above. CLIENT agrees that under no circumstance shall AMB be liable to CLIENT for

any losses associated with a business interruption, no matter the reason.

22. **Waiver**. The waiver by either party of any breach of any term, covenant or condition contained herein shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term, covenant or condition contained herein.

23. **Severability**. In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect so long as the purposes for which the parties entered into this Agreement are not substantially frustrated thereby.

24. **Limitation of Liability**. AMB shall not be liable to CLIENT for any damages, whether direct or indirect, consequential or incidental, including, without limitation, loss of profits, arising out of or relating to uncollected or uncollectible accounts receivable or unpaid ambulance runs. The parties expressly agree that AMB makes no express warranty, nor shall any warranty be implied under this Agreement in respect of any service provided pursuant hereto, including but not limited to any warranty as to the ability to collect any customer/patient account from any patient, insurance company or other third-party payer.

AMB's aggregate liability relating to any of the Services and/or arising under this Agreement shall be limited in all cases to the amount of fees actually paid by CLIENT for the Services during the twelve (12) months preceding the date of any claim made by CLIENT against AMB.

25. **Miscellaneous**.

a) This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relative to the Services to be provided to CLIENT and no amendments, representations, inducements, promises or agreements, oral or otherwise, between the parties not embodied in the Agreement will be of any force or effect, unless in writing and signed by both parties.

b) This Agreement specifically supersedes any prior written or oral representations or agreements between the parties relating to the provisions of the Services, and any amendments or changes to this Agreement must be in writing, and signed by both CLIENT and AMB to be effective. CLIENT acknowledges that all prior representations and/or projections by AMB regarding potential recoveries of CLIENT prior to the Effective Date are not guarantees or warranties of results, and are merged into, and do not survive this Agreement, unless explicitly stated herein. CLIENT acknowledges that AMB has made no performance guarantee.

c) This Agreement is binding upon, and inures to the benefit of and is enforceable by AMB, CLIENT and their respective legal representatives, assigns and successors in interest, subject to Section 26 (d) below.

d) Neither party may assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party, provided that this Agreement will be deemed assigned to, and will be binding upon, the survivor in any merger or business combination involving a party or the purchaser of all or substantially all of the assets of a party.

e) In the event CLIENT fails to comply with the terms of this Agreement, including but not limited to CLIENT’s failure to pay AMB’s fees when due, CLIENT shall pay all costs of collection including court costs, attorney fees, and collection agency contingency percentages of not less than 35% to be added to the principal balance as a collection charge immediately upon default and referral of the account to the collection agency of AMB’s choice.

f) AMB and CLIENT acknowledge that they are duly authorized by appropriate corporate action to enter into this Agreement and that this Agreement is being signed by duly authorized agents authorized to act on their respective behalf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed.

CLIENT:

AMB:

Signature: _____

Signature _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: Lloyd Ledet

Title: _____

Title: President and CEO

Date: _____

Date: _____

**DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS
Business Associate Agreement
Between
DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS and Ambulance Medical Billing**

This Business Associate Agreement (“Agreement”) between DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS and Ambulance Medical Billing is executed to ensure that Ambulance Medical Billing will appropriately safeguard protected health information (“PHI”) that is created, received, maintained, or transmitted on behalf of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS in compliance with the applicable provisions of Public Law 104-191 of August 21, 1996, known as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Subtitle F – Administrative Simplification, Sections 261, *et seq.*, as amended (“HIPAA”), and with Public Law 111-5 of February 17, 2009, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Title XII, Subtitle D – Privacy, Sections 13400, *et seq.*, the Health Information Technology and Clinical Health Act, as amended (the “HITECH Act”).

A. General Provisions

1. **Meaning of Terms.** The terms used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as those terms defined in HIPAA.
2. **Regulatory References.** Any reference in this Agreement to a regulatory section means the section currently in effect or as amended.
3. **Interpretation.** Any ambiguity in this Agreement shall be interpreted to permit compliance with HIPAA.

B. Obligations of Business Associate

Ambulance Medical Billing agrees that it will:

1. Not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Agreement or as required by law;
2. Use appropriate safeguards and comply, where applicable, with the HIPAA Security Rule with respect to electronic protected health information (“e-PHI”) and implement appropriate physical, technical and administrative safeguards to prevent use or disclosure of PHI other than as provided for by this Agreement;
3. Report to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS any use or disclosure of PHI not provided for by this Agreement of which it becomes aware, including any security incident (as defined in the HIPAA Security Rule) and any breaches of unsecured PHI as required by 45 CFR §164.410. Breaches of unsecured PHI shall be reported to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS without unreasonable delay but in no case later than 60 days after discovery of the breach;
4. In accordance with 45 CFR 164.502(e)(1)(ii) and 164.308(b)(2), ensure that any subcontractors that create, receive, maintain, or transmit PHI on behalf of Ambulance Medical Billing agree to the same restrictions, conditions, and requirements that apply to Ambulance Medical Billing with respect to such information;

5. Make PHI in a designated record set available to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS and to an individual who has a right of access in a manner that satisfies DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS's obligations to provide access to PHI in accordance with 45 CFR §164.524 within 30 days of a request;
6. Make any amendment(s) to PHI in a designated record set as directed by DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS, or take other measures necessary to satisfy DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS's obligations under 45 CFR §164.526;
7. Maintain and make available information required to provide an accounting of disclosures to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS or an individual who has a right to an accounting within 60 days and as necessary to satisfy DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS obligations under 45 CFR §164.528;
8. To the extent that Ambulance Medical Billing is to carry out any of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS's obligations under the HIPAA Privacy Rule, Ambulance Medical Billing shall comply with the requirements of the Privacy Rule that apply to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS when it carries out that obligation;
9. Make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from, or created or received by Ambulance Medical Billing on behalf of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS, available to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining Ambulance Medical Billing and DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS's compliance with HIPAA and the HITECH Act;
10. Restrict the use or disclosure of PHI if DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS notifies Ambulance Medical Billing of any restriction on the use or disclosure of PHI that DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS has agreed to or is required to abide by under 45 CFR §164.522; and
11. If DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS is subject to the Red Flags Rule (found at 16 CFR §681.1 *et seq.*), Ambulance Medical Billing agrees to assist DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS in complying with its Red Flags Rule obligations by: (a) implementing policies and procedures to detect relevant Red Flags (as defined under 16 C.F.R. §681.2); (b) taking all steps necessary to comply with the policies and procedures of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS's Identity Theft Prevention Program; (c) ensuring that any agent or third party who performs services on its behalf in connection with covered accounts of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS agrees to implement reasonable policies and procedures designed to detect, prevent, and mitigate the risk of identity theft; and (d) alerting DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS of any Red Flags incident (as defined by the Red Flags Rules) of which it becomes aware, the steps it has taken to mitigate any potential harm that may have occurred, and provide a report to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS of any threat of identity theft as a result of the incident.

C. Permitted Uses and Disclosures by Business Associate

The specific uses and disclosures of PHI that may be made by Ambulance Medical Billing on behalf of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS include:

1. The preparation of invoices to patients, carriers, insurers and others responsible for payment or reimbursement of the services provided by DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS to its patients;
2. Preparation of reminder notices and documents pertaining to collections of overdue accounts;
3. The submission of supporting documentation to carriers, insurers and other payers to substantiate the healthcare services provided by DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS to its patients or to appeal denials of payment for the same; and
4. Other uses or disclosures of PHI as permitted by HIPAA necessary to perform the services that Ambulance Medical Billing has been engaged to perform on behalf of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS.

D. Termination

1. DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS may terminate this Agreement if DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS determines that Ambulance Medical Billing has violated a material term of the Agreement.
2. If either party knows of a pattern of activity or practice of the other party that constitutes a material breach or violation of the other party’s obligations under this Agreement, that party shall take reasonable steps to cure the breach or end the violation, as applicable, and, if such steps are unsuccessful, terminate the Agreement if feasible.
3. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Ambulance Medical Billing shall return to DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS or destroy all PHI received from DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS , or created, maintained, or received by Ambulance Medical Billing on behalf of DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS that Ambulance Medical Billing still maintains in any form. Ambulance Medical Billing shall retain no copies of the PHI. If return or destruction is infeasible, the protections of this Agreement will extend to such PHI.

Agreed to this day 27th June of, 2022.

DOUGHERTY COUNTY EMS

Ambulance Medical Billing

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Print Name: Lloyd Ledet

Title: _____

Title: President and CEO

Date: _____

Date: _____

SPLOST VIII Summary Table

	Agreement	Total Revenue	County Percentage	County Revenue	County Revenue Lost	City Percentage	City Revenue	City Revenue Lost
Base	Yes	\$ 100,000,000	36%	\$ 36,000,000	\$ -	64%	\$ 64,000,000	\$ -
Scenario 1 ¹	No	\$ 83,333,333	36%	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 6,000,000	64%	\$ 53,333,333	\$ 10,666,667
Scenario 2 ²	No	\$ 83,333,333	44%	\$ 37,066,400	\$ (1,066,400)	56%	\$ 46,266,933	\$ 17,733,067

Notes:

1. Revenue lost under Scenario 1 will result in loss of funding for community projects.
2. Although Scenario 2 results in a net gain of revenue, funding for community projects must be reduced to fund Level 1 projects.

Dougherty County Base Scenario
Proposed SPLOST VIII Projects with 36%/64% Split
 With Intragovernmental agreement and uncapped collection for Six Years

Project	Budget	
1) County Fire Trucks/Equipment	\$ 3,600,000	Level 2
2) County Fire Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 700,000	Level 2
3) EMS Ambulances/Equipment	\$ 3,400,000	Level 2
4) EMS Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 500,000	Level 2
5) Sheriff's Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,213,000	Level 2
6) County Police Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,300,000	Level 2
7) County Police Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,500,000	Level 2
8) Roads, Streets and Bridges/Equipment	\$ 2,920,000	Level 2
9) Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment	\$ 4,200,000	Level 2
10) Jail Improvements/Equipment	\$ 2,000,000	Level 1
11) Mental Health Facility Improvements	\$ 600,000	Level 2
12) Health Department Facility Improvements	\$ 1,200,000	Level 1
13) Government Center Improvements/Equipment	\$ 710,000	Level 1
14) Judicial Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,787,000	Level 1
15) Central Square Improvements/Equipment	\$ 350,000	Level 2
16) Riverfront Resource Center Improvements	\$ 220,000	Level 2
17) Parking Deck Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000	Level 2
18) Library Improvements/Equipment	\$ 600,000	Level 2
19) Facilities Management Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 200,000	Level 2
20) Public Works Facilities Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000	Level 2
21) County Parks Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	Level 2
22) County Departmental Vehicles	\$ 700,000	Level 2
23) RiverQuarium Improvements	\$ 425,000	Level 2
24) Thronateeska Improvements	\$ 125,000	Level 2
25) Chehaw Improvements	\$ 450,000	Level 2
26) Information Technology Upgrades/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	Level 2
27) Albany Museum of Art Relocation	\$ 600,000	Level 2
28) Albany Civil Rights Museum	\$ 650,000	Level 2
29) Hugh Mills Stadium Improvements	\$ 500,000	Level 2
30) Economic Development/Industrial Park	\$ 1,000,000	Level 2
31) Albany Technical College Criminal Justice Demonstration Center	\$ 350,000	Level 2

Total County Projects \$ 36,000,000
Total City of Albany Projects \$ 64,000,000

Total SPLOST VIII Projects \$ 100,000,000

Dougherty County Scenario 1
Proposed SPLOST VIII Projects with 36%/64% Split
 Without Intragovernmental agreement and capped collection for Five Years

	Total	County	City
Maximum 5 year revenue	\$ 83,333,333	\$ 30,000,000	\$ 53,333,333
Revenue lost with no agreement	\$ 16,666,667	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 10,666,667

Project	Budget	Cut	Revised	
1) County Fire Trucks/Equipment	\$ 3,600,000		\$ 3,600,000	Level 2
2) County Fire Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000	Level 2
3) EMS Ambulances/Equipment	\$ 3,400,000		\$ 3,400,000	Level 2
4) EMS Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	Level 2
5) Sheriff's Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,213,000		\$ 2,213,000	Level 2
6) County Police Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,300,000		\$ 2,300,000	Level 2
7) County Police Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000	Level 2
8) Roads, Streets and Bridges/Equipment	\$ 2,920,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,420,000	Level 2
9) Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment	\$ 4,200,000	\$ 1,150,000	\$ 3,050,000	Level 2
10) Jail Improvements/Equipment	\$ 2,000,000		\$ 2,000,000	Level 1
11) Mental Health Facility Improvements	\$ 600,000		\$ 600,000	Level 2
12) Health Department Facility Improvements	\$ 1,200,000		\$ 1,200,000	Level 1
13) Government Center Improvements/Equipment	\$ 710,000		\$ 710,000	Level 1
14) Judicial Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,787,000		\$ 1,787,000	Level 1
15) Central Square Improvements/Equipment	\$ 350,000		\$ 350,000	Level 2
16) Riverfront Resource Center Improvements	\$ 220,000		\$ 220,000	Level 2
17) Parking Deck Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	Level 2
18) Library Improvements/Equipment	\$ 600,000		\$ 600,000	Level 2
19) Facilities Management Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000	Level 2
20) Public Works Facilities Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	Level 2
21) County Parks Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 750,000	Level 2
22) County Departmental Vehicles	\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000	Level 2
23) RiverQuarium Improvements	\$ 425,000	\$ 425,000	\$ -	Level 2
24) Throneateska Improvements	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ -	Level 2
25) Chehaw Improvements	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ -	Level 2
26) Information Technology Upgrades/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000	Level 2
27) Albany Museum of Art Relocation	\$ 600,000	\$ 600,000	\$ -	Level 2
28) Albany Civil Rights Museum	\$ 650,000	\$ 650,000	\$ -	Level 2
29) Hugh Mills Stadium Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ -	Level 2
30) Economic Development/Industrial Park	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	Level 2
31) Albany Technical College Criminal Justice Demonstration Center	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -	Level 2

Total County Projects \$ 36,000,000 \$ 30,000,000
Total City of Albany Projects \$ 64,000,000 \$ 53,333,333

Total SPLOST VIII Projects \$ 100,000,000 \$ 83,333,333

Dougherty County Scenario 2
Proposed SPLOST VIII Projects with 20%/80% Split after Level 1 Projects and 20% for Level 2 Projects
Without Intragovernmental agreement and capped collection for Five Years

	Total	County Level 1 Projects	Revenue after Level 1 Projects	20% for Level 2 Projects	New Total 5 Year Revenue	County	City
Maximum 5 year revenue	\$ 83,333,333	\$ 8,833,000	\$ 74,500,333	\$ 16,666,667	\$ 57,833,667	\$ 37,066,400	\$ 46,266,933
Revenue lost with no agreement	\$ 16,666,667					44%	56%

Project	Budget	Add	Revised	
1) County Fire Trucks/Equipment	\$ 3,600,000		\$ 3,600,000	Level 2
2) County Fire Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000	Level 2
3) EMS Ambulances/Equipment	\$ 3,400,000		\$ 3,400,000	Level 2
4) EMS Station Improvements/Equipment	\$ 500,000		\$ 500,000	Level 2
5) Sheriff's Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,213,000		\$ 2,213,000	Level 2
6) County Police Department Vehicles/Equipment	\$ 2,300,000		\$ 2,300,000	Level 2
7) County Police Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,500,000		\$ 1,500,000	Level 2
8) Roads, Streets and Bridges/Equipment	\$ 2,920,000	\$ (500,000)	\$ 2,420,000	Level 2
9) Storm Drainage Improvements/Equipment	\$ 4,200,000	\$ (1,150,000)	\$ 3,050,000	Level 2
10) Jail Improvements/Equipment	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 1,231,000	\$ 3,231,000	Level 1
11) Mental Health Facility Improvements	\$ 600,000		\$ 600,000	Level 2
12) Health Department Facility Improvements	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 725,000	\$ 1,925,000	Level 1
13) Government Center Improvements/Equipment	\$ 710,000		\$ 710,000	Level 1
14) Judicial Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,787,000	\$ 1,890,000	\$ 3,677,000	Level 1
15) Central Square Improvements/Equipment	\$ 350,000		\$ 350,000	Level 2
16) Riverfront Resource Center Improvements	\$ 220,000		\$ 220,000	Level 2
17) Parking Deck Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	Level 2
18) Library Improvements/Equipment	\$ 600,000		\$ 600,000	Level 2
19) Facilities Management Building Improvements/Equipment	\$ 200,000		\$ 200,000	Level 2
20) Public Works Facilities Improvements/Equipment	\$ 100,000		\$ 100,000	Level 2
21) County Parks Improvements/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (250,000)	\$ 750,000	Level 2
22) County Departmental Vehicles	\$ 700,000		\$ 700,000	Level 2
23) RiverQuarium Improvements	\$ 425,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 325,000	Level 2
24) Thronateeska Improvements	\$ 125,000	\$ (25,000)	\$ 100,000	Level 2
25) Chehaw Improvements	\$ 450,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 350,000	Level 2
26) Information Technology Upgrades/Equipment	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000	Level 2
27) Albany Museum of Art Relocation	\$ 600,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 500,000	Level 2
28) Albany Civil Rights Museum	\$ 650,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 550,000	Level 2
29) Hugh Mills Stadium Improvements	\$ 500,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 400,000	Level 2
30) Economic Development/Industrial Park	\$ 1,000,000	\$ (254,600)	\$ 745,400	Level 2
31) Albany Technical College Criminal Justice Demonstration Center	\$ 350,000	\$ (100,000)	\$ 250,000	Level 2
Total County Projects	\$ 36,000,000	\$ 37,066,400	44%	
Total City of Albany Projects	\$ 64,000,000	\$ 46,266,933	56%	
Total SPLOST VIII Projects	\$ 100,000,000	\$ 83,333,333		

DOUGHERTY COUNTY NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate, which will require an increase in property taxes by **.22.87** % over the rollback millage rate for Countywide Tax Digest.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Government Center in Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia

Monday, August 15, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., Room 100

Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., Room 100

Monday, August 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., Room 100

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 19.069 mills, an increase of 3.549 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 15.520. **The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$134.86 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$212.94.**

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by **22.87%** over the rollback millage rate for the Countywide District.

Each year, the board of tax assessors is required to review the assessed value for property tax purposes of taxable property in the county. When the trend of prices on properties that have recently sold in the county indicate there has been an increase in the fair market value of any specific property, the board of tax assessors is required by law to re-determine the value of such property and adjust the assessment.

This is called a reassessment.

When the total digest of taxable property is prepared, Georgia law requires that a rollback millage rate must be computed that will produce the same total revenue on the current year's digest that last year's millage rate would have produced had no reassessments occurred.

The budget tentatively adopted by the Dougherty County Board of Commissioners requires that a millage rate higher than the rollback millage rate, therefore, before the Dougherty County Board of Commissions may finalize the tentative budget and set a final millage rate, Georgia law requires three public hearings to be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinions on the increase.

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NOTICE

The **Dougherty County Board of Commissioners** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at the **(Place of Meeting)** on **(Date of Meeting)** at **(Time of Meeting)** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

CURRENT 2022 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

		COUNTY WIDE	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
C o u n t y w i d e	V A L U E	Real & Personal	2,097,191,016	2,125,915,196	2,168,331,227	2,163,163,020	2,198,933,646	2,237,966,416
		Motor Vehicles	60,070,870	45,909,650	38,593,720	33,302,130	27,271,890	21,816,130
		Mobile Homes	8,732,582	8,368,852	9,413,561	9,041,973	9,063,426	9,891,156
		Timber - 100%	2,367,102	1,731,769	879,982	1,495,506	451,797	2,289,558
		Heavy Duty Equipment	199,499	208,139	4,441,611	5,659,131	6,347,556	104,649
		Gross Digest	2,168,561,069	2,182,133,606	2,221,660,101	2,212,661,760	2,242,068,315	2,272,067,909
		Less Exemptions	210,015,043	226,144,963	230,356,351	207,489,470	230,102,841	228,909,089
		NET DIGEST VALUE	1,958,546,026	1,955,988,643	1,991,303,750	2,005,172,290	2,011,965,474	2,043,158,820
A r e a	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	15.6440	18.4690	18.7020	19.0800	18.9860	22.6520
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	3.0750	2.9000	3.1330	3.5110	3.4170	3.5830
		NET M&O MILLAGE RATE	12.5690	15.5690	15.5690	15.5690	15.5690	19.0690
T A X		TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$24,616,965	\$30,452,787	\$31,002,608	\$31,218,527	\$31,324,290	\$38,960,996
		Net Tax \$ Increase	(\$248,364)	\$5,835,822	\$549,821	\$215,919	\$105,763	\$7,636,705
		Net Tax % Increase	-1.00%	23.71%	1.81%	0.70%	0.34%	24.38%

DOUGHERTY COUNTY NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners has tentatively adopted a millage rate, which will require an increase in property taxes by .23 % over the rollback millage rate for Special Services District-Unincorporated Tax Digest.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this tax increase to be held at the Government Center in Room 100, 222 Pine Avenue, Albany, Georgia

- Monday, August 15, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., Room 100
- Monday, August 15, 2022, at 6:00 P.M., Room 100
- Monday, August 29, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., Room 100

This tentative increase will result in a millage rate of 9.173 mills, an increase of .021 mills. Without this tentative tax increase, the millage rate will be no more than 9.152. The proposed tax increase for a home with a fair market value of \$100,000 is approximately \$0.84 and the proposed tax increase for non-homestead property with a fair market value of \$150,000 is approximately \$1.26.

PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING A PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The Dougherty County Board of Commissioners today announces its intention to increase the property taxes it will levy this year by **.23%** over the rollback millage rate for the Special Services District-Unincorporated.

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CURRENT 2022 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

		UNINCORPORATED	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
U N I N C O R P O R A T E D A R E A	V A L U E	Real & Personal	579,163,660	596,897,109	613,649,153	620,817,551	648,940,045	674,411,424
		Motor Vehicles	16,450,970	12,410,160	10,185,000	8,438,370	6,881,910	6,181,990
		Mobile Homes	4,884,373	4,493,698	5,481,363	5,380,578	5,480,603	6,350,504
		Timber - 100%	2,367,102	1,728,961	879,982	1,457,187	389,884	2,289,558
		Heavy Duty Equipment	49,456	136,727	345,150	759,359	461,468	26,182
		Gross Digest	602,915,561	615,666,655	630,540,648	636,853,045	662,153,910	689,259,658
		Less Exemptions	92,382,590	91,916,398	88,017,108	89,288,019	99,945,180	101,256,221
		NET DIGEST VALUE	510,532,971	523,750,257	542,523,540	547,565,026	562,208,730	588,003,437
	R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	11.0480	11.1290	11.2090	11.3360	11.4100	11.3950
		Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	1.8750	1.9560	2.0360	2.1630	2.2370	2.2220
NET M&O MILLAGE RATE		9.1730	9.1730	9.1730	9.1730	9.1730	9.1730	
T A X	TOTAL M&O TAXES LEVIED	\$4,683,119	\$4,804,361	\$4,976,568	\$5,022,814	\$5,157,141	\$5,393,756	
	Net Tax \$ Increase	(\$17,415)	\$121,242	\$172,207	\$46,246	\$134,327	\$236,615	
	Net Tax % Increase	-1.00%	2.59%	3.58%	0.93%	2.67%	4.59%	