

Resolution No. 2024-16

Declaring Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an Essential Service in Cass County, Iowa and Setting Forth a Funding Mechanism for Such Services as Authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1

WHEREAS, the Cass County Board of Supervisors has the authority, under Iowa Code Section 331.301(1), to, “exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents;” and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds, amending Iowa code Section 422D.1, giving Iowa Counties the ability to declare Emergency Medical Services (EMS) an essential service for their respective counties, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at an election; and,

WHEREAS, Cass County wishes to ensure efficient and effective Emergency Medical Services to maintain the health and welfare of its residents and visitors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cass County Board of Supervisors that Emergency Medical Services is hereby declared an essential service in Cass County, Iowa, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Supervisors will establish a Cass County EMS Advisory Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be placed on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot a proposal to fund Cass County Emergency Medical Services by the imposition of the following taxes, or a combination thereof:


- a) A local option surtax not to exceed one percent (1%), and/or
- b) An ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents (\$.75) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) of taxable value on all taxable property within the County.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax and an ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.


Roll Call Vote:

	1 st Reading	2 nd Reading	3 rd Reading and Approval
Date:	May 21, 2024	May 31, 2024	June 18, 2024
Baier	Aye	Aye	Aye
Pettinger	Aye	Aye	Aye
Green	Aye	Aye	Aye
Richter	Aye	Aye	Aye
O'Brien	(Absent)	Aye	Aye

Resolution adopted this 18 day of June, 2024.



Steve Baier, Chairman
Cass County Board of Supervisors



Kathy Somers
Cass County Auditor