

**TOWN OF POLK, WASHINGTON COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 06.2026**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE WASHINGTON COUNTY
COUNTYWIDE EMS SYSTEM AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE
EMS SYSTEM SERVICE PROVIDER AGREEMENT**

The Town of Polk, Washington County, Wisconsin, does resolve as follows:

WHEREAS, Washington County is seeking to establish with its 20 municipal entities the Washington County Countywide EMS System pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 256.12(2) for the purpose of helping to administer, coordinate, and partially fund a countywide emergency medical services system that ensures the availability of timely and professional prehospital emergency medical care throughout Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Washington County views emergency medical services as an integrated countywide essential service that utilizes both non-transporting Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) agencies and transporting ambulance services licensed at the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Advanced EMT, and Paramedic levels to provide rapid response to medical and traumatic emergencies while ensuring continuity of care during transport to definitive medical facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Countywide EMS System advances the County's strategic priorities of "supporting safe and secure communities" while promoting effective and responsible government administration for the benefit of not only the Town's taxpayers, but Countywide; and

WHEREAS, the County and the Town of Polk recognize the value of intergovernmental collaboration, shared services, coordinated planning, and regional partnerships as we've consistently explored as a pillar of our organizational priorities to improve operational efficiency, enhance service delivery, and maintain essential services like EMS service delivery in a fiscally prudent and responsible manner; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(3)(e)6. provides that county tax levies for a countywide emergency medical services system are exempt from the levy limit restrictions established under Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Polk desires to participate in the Washington County Countywide EMS System and recognizes the mutual benefits of participation, including improved emergency medical services for residents, enhanced collaboration among providers, increased efficiency in service delivery, access to countywide resources, and most importantly, sustainable funding support necessary to maintain high-quality emergency medical care; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman through his efforts with Washington County and other County Chief Elected Officers finds that participation in the Countywide EMS System is in the best interests of the residents and communities served by the providers by providing an opportunity for a sustainable funding source for the Town of Polk, its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk Town Board hereby expresses its support for participation in the Washington County Countywide EMS System because the agreement, as currently presented, maintains local control of the contracted Fire Department and provides a mechanism to ensure future generations will be served by the same high-quality paramedic-level

EMS professionals now and for future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board supports the goals and objectives of the Washington County Countywide EMS System, including the provision of coordinated, high-quality, sustainable, and efficient emergency medical services throughout Washington County improving the quality of life for all our County's residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Chairman to continue to negotiate on the community's behalf and to execute the Washington County Countywide EMS System Service Provider Agreement when it is determined to be in its 'final form' and any related documents necessary to effectuate participation in the Countywide EMS System which shall be forwarded back to the Town Board for final ratification at a future date and time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to Washington County as evidence of the Town Board's support for and participation in the Washington County Countywide EMS System.

ADOPTED this 14th day of July 2026.

Albert Schulties, Town Chair

Attest: _____
Alison Pecha, Town Clerk