

The Mathis Law Firm

Winston C. Mathis

Attorney At Law

P.O. Box 399/ 402 Main Street

Arkadelphia, Arkansas 71923

Email: mathislawfirm@gmail.com

February 20, 2026

Via: Email Transmission

To: The Honorable Justices of the Peace, Clark County Quorum Court

CC: The Honorable County Judge Tucker and Todd Turner, County Attorney

From: Winston C. Mathis

Mathis Law Firm

RE: Agenda Item Summary Page: Valor EMS Franchise Agreement

Justices of the Peace:

A. Subject Matter of Proposed Business

1. The review and enactment of an ordinance governing the Valor Emergency Medical Services, LLC ("Valor") franchise agreement. The goal being to specifically provide for the inclusion of Interfacility Transfers and special events giving exclusivity to Valor.
2. The resolution of the current contract impasse between Valor and the Clark County administration to ensure alignment with the express conditions of the original Request for Qualifications (RFQ).

B. Legislative Justification and Urgency

1. Enforcement of the Quorum Court Mandate: The Quorum Court unanimously authorized the RFQ process, establishing the foundational law of this procurement. The proposed ordinance directs the execution of an agreement that preserves the economic protections required for a no-subsidy EMS system, specifically the single-provider mandate within the designated Emergency Operating Area (EOA).
2. Statutory Compliance and Economic Stability: Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 14-266-102, competitive practices in EMS operations without regulation create precarious financial conditions harmful to public health and safety. The attached contract secures essential

revenue streams, expressly including Inter-Facility Transfers (IFTs) and special events, thereby protecting the county's primary provider from outside cherry-picking.

3. Mitigation of Financial Liability: The submission addresses the disputed \$6,000.00 dispatch invoice, which Valor has placed in trust. This action mitigates a significant "Illegal Exaction" risk for the County, as there is currently no ordinance or written agreement authorizing this fee.

C. Incorporated Exhibits and Attachments

1. Exhibit A: Proposed Ordinance directing that any contract negotiated will remain true to the RFQ as required by law and provide for exclusivity in respect not only to emergency 911 responses as it is now, but to include exclusivity in respect to IFTs and Special Events.
2. Exhibit B: Informational Timeline of Valor EMS Contract Negotiations.
3. Exhibit C: Explanatory Correspondence from The Mathis Law Firm to the Quorum Court.

D. Formal Sponsorship

1. Submitted and sponsored by: Jenna Scott: _____
2. Date of Submission: February 23rd, 2026

Sincerely,

Winston C. Mathis

Zach Bledsoe – zbledsoe@hotmail.com
Michael Ankton - mikeanktonevans@gmail.com
Vanilla Hannah - vanillahannah1950@gmail.com
Llewellyn Terry Sr. - llewellyneterrysr@gmail.com
Jimmy King - jking.jp5@gmail.com
Stuart Thomas - stuartstthomas@gmail.com
Jenna Scott - jenna.k.scott@gmail.com
Garry "BJ" Johns - garryjohns@icloud.com
Andrea Angle - smalltownjems@outlook.com
Wayne Baumgardner - waynebaum86@gmail.com
Tracy Drake - tracydrake2009@yahoo.com
Troy Tucker – ttucker@clarkcountyarkansas.com
Todd Turner – todd@tandtlaw.net

WCM/ lj