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Washington County Board of Supervisors
Washington County
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Re: Rescission of Resolution 07-02-2026 – Village of Slinger Resolution Supporting Participation in Washington County Countywide EMS System

Dear Washington County Board of Supervisors:

On July 20, 2026, the Village Board approved Resolution 07-02-2026 supporting participation in the Washington County Countywide EMS System. On August 17, 2026, the Village Board approved rescinding Resolution 07-02-2026.

Since the Village Board's action in July, it has become evident that critical details of the System and its impact on the communities within the County remain ambiguous and lacking clarity. The Village acknowledges that such an undertaking is complex, but as stewards of our taxpayers, it is our responsibility to ensure any Countywide EMS System represents the needs of our community.

The reasons for rescinding Resolution 07-02-2026 are based upon the following:

- Changing criteria and/or system details
 - Each meeting or update appears to add, remove or alter criteria or details of a Countywide EMS initiative. Understanding the criteria is critical for any community to express any meaningful support for this effort. To date, communities have indicated support and interest in being part of a conversation, but this is not a carte blanche support of an undefined System.
- Lack of clarity how the investment of additional taxpayer dollars will reduce or manage costs into the future
 - The justification for the Countywide EMS System is due to rising costs for providing EMS services. The initiative focuses on covering the anticipated funding gap, but does not address how it will clearly manages costs. A truly effective effort must not only provide additional funding opportunities, but incorporate cost management efforts or the gap will never close.
- Clear and understandable allocation plan for distribution of the Countywide EMS funding
 - The amount of a Countywide EMS tax levy, the distribution of those funds within a Countywide EMS System and the distribution to the municipalities has been frequently changed during the updates. This includes the basis for distributing the funds – equalized value vs per capita - as well as the proposed tax levy amount have changed – even from the information provided to

communities in subsequent emails from County staff. In order to support an initiative, as elected officials we need to be able to clearly and confidently explain to our constituents the what, why and how much.

- Duration of the Countywide EMS funding
 - Different time frames have been posed with some referencing the agreements and some referencing the levy. Taxpayers should be aware of whether the Countywide EMS funding will be an indefinite component of the tax levy landscape.

The Village's rescission of the resolution, similar to the action taken by many municipalities throughout the County, is a call to action to the County Board to deliberate on the details on any Countywide EMS System put before you and ensure that once any Countywide EMS tax is imposed that the purpose addresses the intended outcomes.

As Mr. Schoemann has frequently stated during the course of conversations, we are not at a crisis point yet but we are planning for the future. Given we are not in crisis mode, is now not the time to make sure that any new tax levy and associated program is the most prudent and developed investment of taxpayer dollars?

The Village Board acknowledges the County staff has undertaken a complex issue and greatly appreciates the efforts and conversation on this topic to date. However, more work and conversation is still needed now if we are posing a new tax levy for a system that has not yet been clearly defined. We owe it to our mutual taxpayers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scott Stortz', written over a large, loopy oval shape.

Scott Stortz
Village President

cc: Washington County Board of Supervisors (via email)
Jeff Schleif, Washington County Board Chairman
Josh Schoemann, County Executive
Ashley Reichert, County Clerk