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Dear Members of the Washington County Board,

On behalf of the Town of Polk, we would like to provide some context regarding our recent vote to adopt Resolution 06.2026, Supporting Countywide EMS.

The Town Board ultimately voted in favor of adopting the resolution, but we did so reluctantly. Our vote should not be interpreted as a full endorsement or commitment to the proposed countywide EMS model as it currently stands. Rather, it reflects the difficult position in which our community finds itself.

Throughout our discussions, the Board recognized that many important questions remain unanswered. We believe additional information and meaningful dialogue are still needed before we can confidently support such a significant change.

At the same time, we were acutely aware that choosing not to adopt the resolution would likely result in our residents being taxed for the countywide EMS initiative regardless of our participation. Faced with that reality, we felt backed into a corner. We could not, in good conscience, place our constituents in a position where they would bear the financial burden without any benefits if the Town of Polk had chosen not to participate.

Our vote was therefore a practical decision made under the circumstances—not an indication that our concerns have been resolved or that we are prepared to make an unconditional commitment to the proposed system.

We appreciate the County Executive's efforts to address the important issue of emergency medical services and remain committed to participating in constructive discussions. We ask that our vote be understood in its proper context and that the concerns expressed by our Board continue to be considered as this process moves forward.

Thank you for your time, your leadership, and your continued work on behalf of Washington County residents.

Sincerely,

Town of Polk Board

Chairman Albert Schulteis

Supervisor Robert Roecker

Supervisor Jenny Zignego