

Cedar County Board of Supervisors

For Immediate Release

The Cedar County Board of Supervisors will be hosting an informational town hall at 7pm, October 17, 2023. This will be held at the Matthews Building on the Cedar County Fairgrounds, 220th St, Tipton, IA 52772. Members of the Board of Supervisors, along with MCM Consulting Group, Inc., will be present to discuss and answer questions about the EMS as an essential service referendum question that will be on the ballot in November.

According to Jon Bell, Chair of the Cedar County Board of Supervisors, "After many months of discussion by the ambulance services of Cedar County, the Board of Supervisors was asked to look into the future of emergency medical services in the county. As a Board, we hired MCM Consulting Group, Inc., to develop a strategic plan for ambulance service." Bell also noted that "The next step is voter approval on a county levy to fund operations of a countywide ambulance service. We invite members of the public to attend the first of several town halls to hear about the plan and to discuss the emergency medical service needs of our county residents."

Bell also stated that the Board of Supervisors want to reassure residents that Cedar County towns will not be required to close/cease ambulance operations. "If approved by the residents of Cedar County, this vote would ensure that Emergency Medical Services would become an essential service in Cedar County. Currently, Cedar County residents are not guaranteed ambulance service should a medical situation occur. If this referendum passes, it would ensure that an ambulance arrives at your home when you call 911 for that ambulance."

In November of 2022, the Cedar County Board of Supervisors conducted a study on the state of emergency medical services in Cedar County. The outcome of the study recommended a county wide ambulance service established to provide the residents and visitors of Cedar County with timely, professional, and consistent emergency medical responses to medical and traumatic emergencies.

For more information on this referendum, or this upcoming town hall, visit www.cedarcountyems.org or call (563)886-3355.