

BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

ORDINANCE NO. 136

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF A DESIGNATED AREA OF MONROE COUNTY, INCLUDING THE CITY OF BRINKLEY, ESTABLISHING THE DESIGNATED AREA FOR SUCH SYSTEM, DESCRIBING THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SYSTEM, ESTIMATING THE ANNUAL COST OF THE SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF SERVICE CHARGES IN ORDER TO FINANCE SUCH SYSTEM, ESTABLISHING A SERPARATE ACCOUNT TO BE MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY TREASURER IN WHICH ALL FUNDS SHALL BE DEPOSITED, ESTABLISHING THE METHOD OF EXPENDITURE OF SUCH FUNDS, PROVIDING FOR THE DISCONTINUANCE OF SUCH SYSTEM, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: In accordance with the provisions of Arkansas Code Annotated Section 20-13-301-307 there is hereby established an emergency medical services program for the purpose of furnishing emergency medical services to the residents of the designated area of Monroe County as described herein below. The furnishing of these emergency medical services shall be supplemental to and shall not be construed to repeal or modify any law presently in existence relating to the furnishing of such services.

Section 2: The designated area for the emergency medical

services system established herein shall be the geographic area within Monroe County and including the corporate city limits of the City of Brinkley, and as set out in the Exhibit "A" attached and made a part hereof.

Section 3: The services to be provided the residents of the designated area shall be emergency transportation to any medical facility as required or allowed by the rules and regulations of the emergency vehicle or its operators and shall include such other emergency medical services as may be necessary for the life-saving care and treatment of residents requiring such transportation.

Section 4: The estimated cost of the services described hereinabove is \$ 54,750. per year and shall be financed by a service charge to be assessed against each individual household located within the designated area, which is serviced by the Brinkley Municipal Waterworks.

Section 5: The City of Brinkley shall collect from each such household within the designated service area the sum of \$1.50 per month. All sums so collected shall be paid to the County Treasurer within 10 days following the last day of the month in which such sums were collected. The City of Brinkley shall not be liable for delinquent or unpaid assessments but shall take necessary steps to collect all assessments. Any assessment that is not paid by the 10th of the month following billing shall be charged a penalty of 5% plus interest at the rate of 10% per annum on the unpaid balance. No service or services that may be offered to the residents by the designated service area shall be suspended or disrupted because of the nonpayment of the assessment provided herein.

Section 6: The County Treasurer shall establish a separate account to be entitled "City of Brinkley Emergency Medical System

Fund" and shall deposit all funds derived from the special assessment therein. The funds shall be expended only by appropriation of the Quorum Court and shall be subject to the same accounting and disbursement procedures and requirement as other county funds. All funds derived from the special assessment shall be used only for the purposes of providing the emergency medical services as described above and shall be restricted to use within the designated area.

The Quorum Court may, on its own motion or on petition of a majority of the qualified electors of the designated area, discontinue the furnishing of emergency medical services in the designated area and discontinue the levy of service charges in the area. However, the services shall not be discontinued until a public hearing is held at which persons residing in the designated area have an opportunity to appear in behalf of or in opposition to the discontinuance of the services. The time and place of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the designated area at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. If the service program is discontinued, the service charge authorized hereinabove shall continue to be collected until all outstanding debts of the program have been paid.

Section 7: EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is hereby found and declared by the Quorum Court of Monroe County, Arkansas, that it is necessary to provide for the emergency treatment and transportation for residents of the herein described area of Monroe County when a physician is not immediately available to administer life-saving treatment to such persons. Therefore, an

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emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

DATED: 11-5-90

Approved: Tom Catlett
TOM CATLETT, County Judge

ATTEST: Janet E. Haskins

Proposed by Justice Craig

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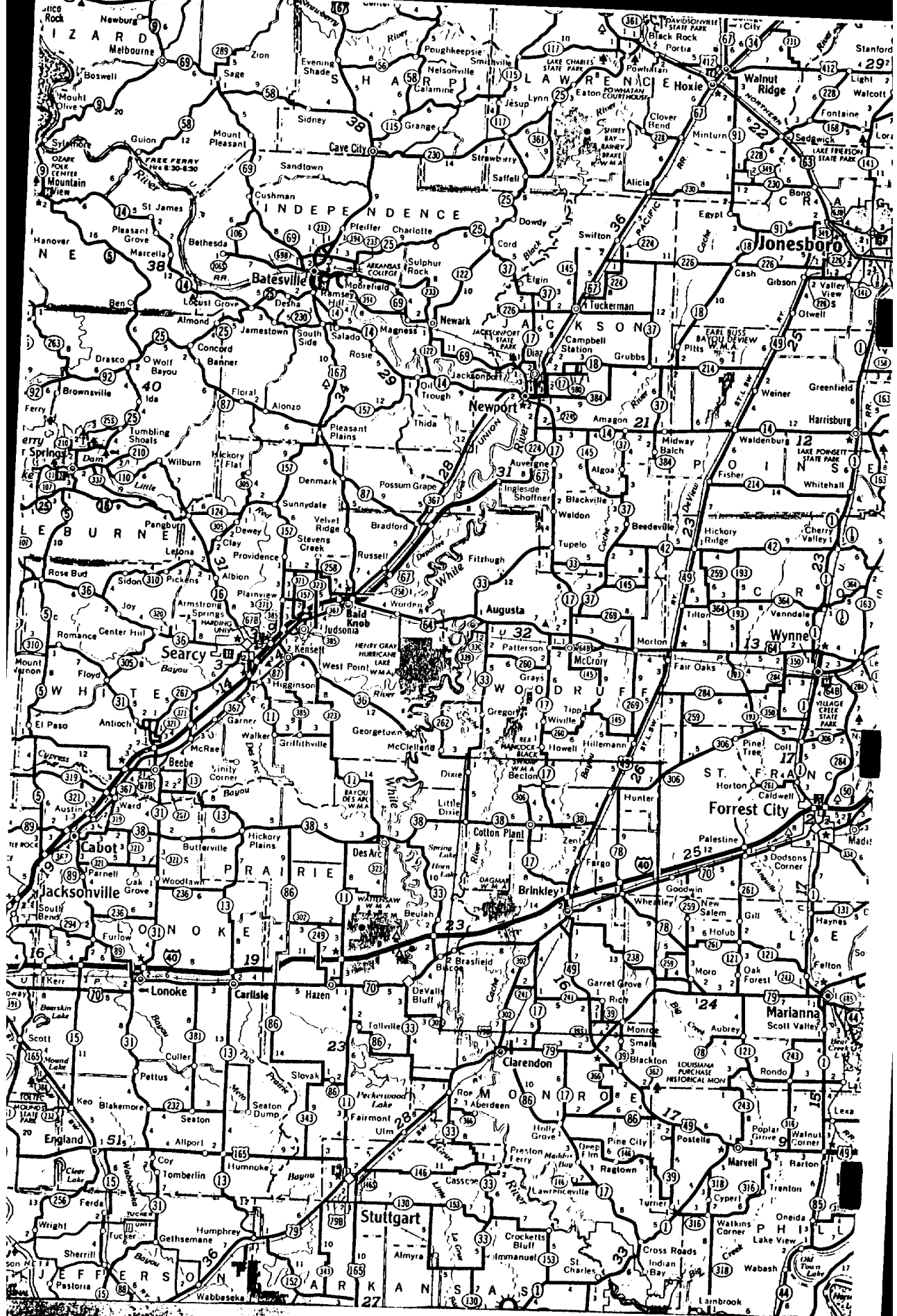


EXHIBIT "A"