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# Ambulance service to receive \$100,000 from Quincy

*Council votes unanimously to enter into contract for EMS services*

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Quincy Valley Medical Center will receive \$100,000 to help pay for its ambulance service thanks to a decision made by the Quincy City Council on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

The medical center had asked the council to consider paying the amount this fall as a way to match a contribution that Grant County Fire District No. 3 was making for the ambulance service.

The fire district pledged \$100,000 of its EMS

levy, which was approved by voters in November, toward the struggling ambulance service.

The medical center then asked the city, which is not a part of the fire district, to match that contribution, considering that the number of ambulance calls have traditionally been even between the city and the fire district.

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contract that would be submitted for approval.

That contract was unanimously approved by the council during its meeting on Tuesday.

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