

Ambulance Services

15-Jul-10	Lorie Schaefers, Moody County Auditor, asks: 1) Does your County own/operate the ambulance service within the County, and if so what does your annual budget run? and 2) If your County does not own/operate the ambulance service, do you contract with another service, etc. and how much do you pay each year?
Aurora	1). Aurora County does not own or operate an ambulance service. 2), We have two volunteer ambulance services in our county and do not contract any services. We do, however, have a backup ambulance that we own and reimburse the Plankinton Ambulance for insurance costs and any repairs. The backup ambulance is needed because Stickney does not have an ambulance service and if Plankinton's is out on a call they have the backup ambulance to go to Stickney if the need arises.
Beadle	
Bennett	Bennett does not have ambulance service and we do not contract.
Bon Homme	
Brookings	
Brown	
Brule	Brule County does not own/operate an ambulance service, in 1996/1997 the Ambulance formed a taxing district to fund the ambulance, the City helps them by letting them house the ambulance and equipment in a shed and the County donated the ambulances and all the equipment, etc to them when the entity started. The City also keeps the books etc pays the bills and the hospital does the billing for them as it was difficult to find a manager to do all of this. Kimball Ambulance also started a taxing entity in about 2000 I believe so we have to ambulance services in Brule County that are funded with tax dollars.
Buffalo	
Butte	
Campbell	Campbell County does run it's own ambulance service. We have just one ambulance and the annual budget for 2010 is \$22,948.00.
Charles Mix	
Clark	Clark County has an ambulance service and this years budget is \$197738.
Clay	Clay county does not operate an Ambulance Service. We do buy the ambulance every 5-years. We reserve \$15,000 a year for that purpose.
Codington	
Corson	
Custer	Custer County does not own/operate an ambulance Service. We have an ambulance district that levies taxes for revenue.
Davison	
Day	Day County contracts with Christensen Ambulance Service of Webster, SD. The county contributed \$49,650 to his business to help offset some the cases that are uncollectible or claims that Medicaid, etc does not pay the whole fee. It seems to work good for our county. Commission receives a monthly Profit & Loss Statement from Christensen Ambulance.
Deuel	
Dewey	Dewey County owns the ambulances in that we hold the titles and pay the insurance out of the \$7,443 given to the Ambulance to operate. We do not collect fees or pay EMT's - we do have EMT's on WC as volunteers. We are now down to 1 ambulance service due to a lack of volunteers.

Douglas	Douglas County owns the ambulances and all expense for our county ambulance service. We run two ambulance, one out of Armour and one out of Corsica. Our EMT's are volunteer, but we pay their wages - \$25.00 for the first hour of a call and \$20.00 per hour for the remaining time spent on a call. For 2010 and 2011 we budgeted \$36,700, but half way through the 2010 year they have already spent \$25,334.04. They have had alot of repair work done this year. We also are putting \$20,000 away for five years to purchase a new ambulance. Our office feels that the hospital should take over the ambulance since they collect and keep all payments for the ambulance services. We looked back and 10 year's ago the hospital use to reimburse the county from what they collected.
Edmunds	No County Ambulance service in Edmund. The County supports: \$3,600 to Ipswich Ambulance, \$3,600 to Bowdle Ambulance and \$1,000 to Roscoe Rescue (all per year).
Fall River/Shannon	Our Ambulances are all districts, so no money towards their operations.
Faulk	
Grant	Grant County does not own/operate the ambulance service. We contract with the service at \$24,500 per yer.
Gregory	
Haakon	
Hamlin	
Hand	
Hanson	
Harding	We own and operate our two ambulances. Proposed budget for 2011 is \$31,950
Hughes	
Hutchinson	
Hyde	
Jackson	
Jerauld	Jerauld County owns the ambulance but it is operated through the hospital. The commissioners approve the bills each month and the ambulance has its own checking account. The budget for 2011 is \$25,000.00.
Jones	
Kingsbury	
Lake	
Lawrence	Lawrence County contracts for ambulance services in the County at a cost of \$10,450 a year.
Lincoln	
Lyman	
Marshall	We do own and operate the Marshall County Ambulance. The budget for 2011 is around 110,000. This budget doesn't usually cover replacing an ambulance.
McCook	McCook County does not operate an ambulance service. We do provide appropriations as follows: Bridgewater Ambulance Service \$28,002; McCook Emergency Medical Service \$127,330. There will be no change for 2011 because of the 0% CPI.
McPherson	
Meade	
Mellette	
Miner	Miner County operates the ambulance service. We employ 2 full time on call EMTs (one is on at all time) and then utilize our volunteers to run as a 2 nd person on all calls. This has been in place for about 2 years and is working well. Our annual budget for this year is \$144,141.
Minnehaha	
Moody	
Pennington	

Perkins	
Potter	
Roberts	
Sanborn	We own and operate the ambulance. EMT's are paid \$40.00 per run. Our budget is \$24,660.
Spink	
Stanley	
Sully	Sully County does not own our ambulance service. It is all volunteer EMT's through the Fire Department and the Onida Fire Department owns the ambulance. We only appropriate to the Fire Dept, but the money we appropriate does not go to the ambulance fund.
Tripp/Todd	
Turner	
Union	We do not have any county ambulances. But for quite some years the board has budgeted \$40,000 a year and splits it between 4 ambulances in the county.
Walworth	
Yankton	
Ziebach	Ziebach County has never operated an ambulance service. We used to have a volunteer ambulance service in Dupree that we contributed to, but they ceased to operate last year because of lack of emt's. Another volunteer service in Isabel, closed this year for the same reason. The neighboring town of Faith is trying to form an ambulance district in part of Ziebach County. Don't know how that will come out.