

# contract renewed in split vote

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Although many were predicting that ambulance service in Knox County would go up for bids instead of renewing AMR-Rural/Metro's five-year contract, the Knox County Commission voted to continue with the company in a split 7-4.

The vote came last week following the August 21 work session when it appeared the majority of commissioners wanted to postpone a renewal decision or open the service contract up for bids. In the week between meetings the commissioners began receiving correspondence in support of AMR-Rural/Metro from the Knox County and



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*Morning Pointe officials are joined by Knox County and Knoxville City officials in breaking ground for a new 80 resident Assisted Living and Memory Care facility 9649 Westland in West Knoxville. The new facility of two buildings should open in the fall of next year. The company operates seventeen elderly living locations in Tennessee including one in Lenoir City and in north Knoxville near the Tennova Hospital on Emory Road.*

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