



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) renewal for the High Springs Fire Department.

Presenter:

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Description:

High Springs Fire Department's renewal CoPCN application to operate as a secondary pre-hospital care provider within Alachua County.

Recommended Action:

Approve the CoPCN renewal application and sign the certificate.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

This certification will allow the City of High Springs to bill us for the responses into the County managed areas at a higher rate. However, this was assumed in preparing the FY23/24 budget as it was discussed in the negotiations with the City of High Springs. Therefore, there is no fiscal consideration associated with signing this certification. 011.54.5480.522.34.00

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The High Springs Fire Department has applied for renewal of their CoPCN for secondary pre-hospital care provider. The current CoPCN expires on November 1, 2023. The agency provides essential emergency services available to Alachua County citizens and visitors to the County. All services meet the requirements per Alachua County Code Chapter 52, Florida Statute Section 401.25, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64J-1.

The application for a CoPCN must meet the standards in Alachua County Code 52.29(c):

In determining whether such certificate shall be granted, the board may consider the following:

1. Whether existing emergency medical transportation services are adequate to meet reasonable public needs.

2. The financial ability of the applicant to furnish continuous and uninterrupted service at the times required therefore, and to meet the financial obligations of the service which the applicant proposes to perform.
3. The effect on existing medical transportation facilities and services of all kinds and, particularly, whether the granting of such certificate will or may seriously impair essential public service as provided by existing service operators.
4. The qualifications of the applicant to properly perform the proposed services and to conform to the provisions of this article.
5. Any objections received from operators who were provided notice of the application as set out herein.
6. Any of the matters set out in section 52.27 of this article (application requirements).

The applicant meets the required standards.

Florida Statute 401.25(2)(d) and Alachua County Ordinance 93-9 require that all licensed pre-hospital Emergency Medical Service providers maintain a current CoPCN from the County governing Board in which they operate.