



Agenda Item Summary

File #: 24-00781

Agenda Date: 8/27/2024

Agenda Item Name:

Request for Authorization to Advertise Hospital Special Assessment.

Presenter:

Bob Swain, Deputy County Attorney

Description:

The Board of County Commissioners, at the Request of local hospitals enacted Ordinance 24-00239 which would levy an assessment on local inpatient hospitals which pursuant to Federal Law could then be used to leverage additional funding for the local hospitals for qualifying low income populations. The hospitals have calculated the amount of payment and the levy shall be .05% of gross patient revenue. Upon collection of this from the hospitals, the County will forward the funds to the Federal Government which will then match the funds and make the increased funds available to the participating hospitals. Pursuant to our local ordinance and state law, the special assessment must be advertised in a published newspaper prior to the meeting levying the assessment.

Recommended Action:

Approve the advertisement of the meeting to consider the levy of the special assessment

Prior Board Motions:

None

Fiscal Note:

Neutral, a small administrative fee to cover County Expenses may be charged.

Strategic Guide:

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

Background:

The local hospitals approached the Board of County Commissioners to create a special district for the purpose of levying funds to leverage Medicaid dollars. This is used by other local governments in the state to increase the amount of Medicaid funds available to provide services for that population. The funds collected from the levy are used as a match for Federal funding and will result in additional Federal dollars being made available to the participating hospitals.