



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) Application for the Newberry Fire Department

Presenter:

Harold Theus, Fire Chief 352-384-3101

Description:

Newberry Fire Department CoPCN application for Secondary Pre-Hospital Care Provider

Recommended Action:

Approve the application and sign the certificate

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

There is no immediate fiscal impact.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The Newberry Fire Department is applying for a CoPCN for secondary pre-hospital care provider services. They provide essential emergency services which are available to Alachua County citizens and visitors.

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

N/A provider is not a transport service.

- 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.
 - This is a Governmental Agency – City of Newberry.
- 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.
 - Non-Transportation Agency. Enhances first Advanced Life Support (ALS) care.
- 4) The qualifications of the applicant to properly perform the proposed services and to conform to the provisions of this article.
 - Applicant has secured the UF Health Medical Director – Dr. Jason Jones.
- 5) Any objections received from operators who were provided notice of the application as set out herein.
 - None received
- 6) Any of the matters set out in section 52.27 of this article (application requirements).
 - No conflict found
 - First Response ALS care enhances pre-hospital service to the citizens of Newberry and by contract unincorporated Alachua County residents.