



Agenda Item Summary

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Renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) application for Alachua County Fire Rescue (ACFR)

Presenter:

Harold Theus, Fire Chief 352-384-3101

Description:

ACFR Renewal CoPCN application for 2025-2027

Recommended Action:

Approve the application and sign the certificate

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

N/A

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The current CoPCN for ACFR expires on June 4, 2025, and they have applied to renew their certification for an additional two years. ACFR provides essential emergency services to citizens and visitors of Alachua County. A CoPCN is needed to provide essential pre-hospital care. The renewal of the certificate must meet the standards in Alachua County Code 52.29(c):

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

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

- Yes

(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.

- Yes

(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.

- ACFR is the sole agency that provides both Primary and Secondary Pre-Hospital Care for all the citizens of Alachua County.

(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 was found.

All services meet the requirements per Alachua County Code Chapter 52, Florida Statute Section 401.25, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64J-1.

In addition, as required by Alachua County Code 52.29, written notice of the renewal request has been provided to all licensed Emergency Medical Service providers in the County.