



Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Date: 10/14/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Renewal Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CoPCN) Application for the High Springs Fire Department**

**Presenter:**

Harold Theus, Chief, 352-384-3101

**Description:**

High Springs Fire Department CoPCN renewal application for Secondary Pre-Hospital Care Provider

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the renewal and sign the certificate

**Prior Board Motions:**

N/A

**Fiscal Note:**

There is no immediate fiscal impact

**Strategic Guide:**

Public Safety

**Background:**

The High Springs Fire Department has submitted a renewal CoPCN application 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 High Springs.

- 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 High Springs and by contract unincorporated Alachua County residents.

All services meet the requirements per Alachua County Code Chapter 52, Florida Statute Section 401.25, and Florida Administrative Code Chapter 25.

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.