



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 28, 2026

SUBJECT: Redmond Fire & Rescue Proposed Contract with Alfalfa Fire District

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorize Redmond Fire & Rescue to enter into a formal contract with Alfalfa Fire District for the provision of Basic Life Support non-emergency transport services within the boundaries of Redmond Fire & Rescue's Ambulance Service Area, as outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement between the two agencies.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Redmond Municipal Airport frequently serves as a hub for fixed-wing and rotor-wing air ambulance transports to local hospitals. During inclement weather, the volume of these transports often increases, creating logistical challenges in providing ground transport from the airport to designated hospitals. Redmond Fire & Rescue will retain the first right of refusal for these ground transports; however, when Redmond units are unavailable, Alfalfa Fire District will be offered the opportunity to provide transport services.

Under the proposed agreement, Alfalfa Fire District will provide Basic Life Support (BLS) services and transport exclusively within Redmond Fire & Rescue's ASA to any one of the four St. Charles Hospitals. All operational details and service boundaries are clearly outlined in the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the two agencies.

Per Deschutes County Code 8.30.070, franchised providers may subcontract emergency ambulance services with Board approval. The Code requires:

8.30.070. Sub-contracting of Services by Franchisees.

- C. Franchisees may contract for emergency ambulance services or non-emergency or inter-facility ambulance transports with a private, non-governmental entity or person as otherwise provided herein. Franchisees may contract with a private, non-governmental entity or person for a term of up to two years. Franchisees must request authorization from the Board to renew such contracts at least forty-five (45) days prior to the expiration of the term of any such contract. Renewal requests may be authorized by the Board so long as the requirements placed on subcontracted ambulance service providers in

paragraphs (A) and (B) above, as applicable, are maintained, and so long as an acceptable record of service is demonstrated to the Board.

Key benefits of the contract are:

- **Preservation of central resources:** Redmond Fire units can remain locally available in higher-volume areas by reducing long-distance responses.
- **Improved patient outcomes:** Adding ground transport capacity to local hospitals allows more critical patients to be transported into the region for specialized care.
- **Efficient use of local resources:** Alfalfa Fire District is already equipped and trained to provide BLS transport services within their jurisdiction.
- **Strengthened interagency collaboration:** Formalizing this partnership supports regional EMS coordination and resource sharing.
- **No budget impact:** The contract does not require additional funding or budget adjustments.

Redmond Fire & Rescue will present the proposed contract and highlight its benefits, including improved response times and enhanced service coverage for residents in eastern Deschutes County.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

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