



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Request for funding to achieve Ambulance Service Area Code changes

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Reserve funding in the FY 25 budget to secure a contractor through a competitive RFP process to update and rewrite Deschutes County Code section 8.30 and the Ambulance Service Area Plan

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Committee, working in tandem with County Legal Counsel, has determined that a rewrite of Deschutes County Code 8.30 and its accompanying ASA Plan, Appendix A, 8.30.100 (“the Plan”) is needed. The Code and Plan have remained relatively unchanged since they were first created in 1997. Since that time, changes in the law and best practices have occurred that are not reflected in either document, and with ongoing changes in the emergency services industry, the Code and especially the Plan need to be updated to reflect such changes. The language of the Plan also needs to be changed to be more consistent with the Code and to provide clearer direction to ambulance service franchisees with regard to the law, best practices, and the Board’s expectations with regard to how services are provided within the County. During this meeting, the ASA Administrator, ASA Chair, and County Legal will provide an update of the purpose and history of the ASA, ASA activity in recent years, issues discovered with DCC 8.30 ASA and the ASA Plan, and will make recommendations for consideration.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Funding reserved in the FY 25 budget to secure a contractor—expected to be up to \$50,000, depending on the selected proposal.

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kuhn, Deschutes County ASA Administrator (Public Health)
Jared Jeffcott, ASA Chair
Chris Bell, Deschutes County Legal