

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 21, 2022

SUBJECT: Findings of Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Advisory Committee with Respect to Allegations from St. Charles Health Systems and the La Pine Community Health Clinic Against the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Review and consider the findings of the ASA Advisory Committee and direct staff on how to proceed

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On September 28, 2022, the ASA Committee adopted findings arising from its investigation into allegations made against the La Pine Rural Fire Protection District in complaints from St. Charles Health System and La Pine Community Health Center. The Committee's findings are attached. The allegations made in these complaints were distilled into five primary allegations by the Committee, each of which alleged that the District had violated Chapter 8.30 of the Deschutes County Code and/or relevant provisions of the Deschutes County ASA Plan. After its investigation, the Committee substantiated two of these allegations. After the presentation, it is recommended the Board briefly deliberate and then direct staff on how to proceed. That decision should be guided by the terms of DCC Chapter 8.30 and the ASA Plan.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Tom Kuhn, ASA Administrator Members of the ASA Committee Chris Bell, Legal Department