

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Renewing a Franchise for Ambulance)
Services to the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection) **ORDER NO. 61 -2015**
District for Service Area 6 [Mist-Birkenfeld])

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of Ordinance No. 90-23, Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Ambulance Service Areas and, pursuant to Section 8 of that Ordinance, the Board mandated that no person may provide ambulance service in Columbia County without being fully franchised in accordance with the applicable provisions; and

WHEREAS, current franchises are due to expire on December 31, 2015; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 9 of the Ordinance and Order No. 169-5, the Ambulance Service Administrator (the "Administrator") requested franchise renewal applications on July 9, 2015; and

WHEREAS, also pursuant to Section 9 of the Ordinance, the Administrator received a renewal application dated August 25, 2015, from the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District for Ambulance Service Area 6 (ASA-6), which is generally in the Mist-Birkenfeld area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11 of the Ordinance, the Administrator reviewed the renewal application and recommended renewal of the ambulance service franchise for ASA-6 to the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Administrator's recommendation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12 of the Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners held a public hearing on December 16, 2015, to consider the application;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the ambulance service franchise for Service Area 6 is hereby granted to the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District for the period beginning January 1, 2016, and ending December 31, 2020, subject to the terms and conditions of the Ordinance No. 90-23, and the Ambulance Service Plan.

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Franchisee will be subject to any and all changes to the Ambulance Services Area Plan and the Ambulance Service Ordinance made during this franchise term.

DATED this 16TH day of December, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: 
Henry Heimuller, Chair

By: 
Anthony Hyde, Commissioner

By: 
Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: 
Office of County Counsel



EXHIBIT "A"

Date: 3 December 2015

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Steve Pegram
Ambulance Service Administrator

Subj: ASA Franchise Renewal Recommendations

I have received and reviewed all of the required applications for Ambulance Service Area Franchises from four of the Fire Districts in Columbia County. I also received an application from Metro West Ambulance who serves the Vernonia Fire District by contract.

I have reviewed each franchisee's renewal application and found them to be sufficient. Each applicant has provided ambulance service for the past five years, which has met or exceeded the requirements set forth in Ordinance #90-23, and the County Ambulance Service Plan. Based on this precedent and the information contained in the renewal applications, I feel that they will provide adequate ambulance service for their prospective Ambulance Service Areas within Columbia County.

I recommend that a franchise to provide ambulance service within each of the Ambulance Service Areas, under the terms, conditions and duties as listed in Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, Number 90-23, be granted to the following applicants beginning January 1, 2016, and ending on December 31, 2020:

Scappoose Rural Fire District	ASA 2
Vernonia Rural Fire District/Metro West Ambulance	ASA 7
Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire District	ASA 6
Clatskanie Rural Fire District	ASA 5
Columbia River Fire and Rescue District	ASA 3, ASA 4

(Per ordinance 90-23, ASA 1, located on the northern tip of Sauvie Island, is included in the Multnomah County ASA plan and is not included in this process.)

Semper Paratus,

Steve Pegram
Ambulance Service Administrator

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