BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Renewing a Franchise for Ambulance Services to Metro West Ambulance Service for Service Area 7 [Vernonia])))	ORDER NO. 62 - 2015	

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 from Metro West Ambulance Service dated September 1, 2015, for Ambulance Service Area 7 (ASA-7), which is generally in the Vernonia 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-7 to Metro West Ambulance Service; 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 7 is hereby granted to Metro West Ambulance Service 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.

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 10 day of December, 2015.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By:___

Henry Heimuller, Chair

Approved as to form

By: July Deer

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Earl Fisher, Commissioner

Anthony Hyde, Commissioner





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