

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Granting a Franchise for)
Ambulance Services to Scappoose Rural Fire Protection) Order No. 38-2025
District for Ambulance Service in Area 2)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section IV of the Columbia County Ambulance Service Area Plan, the Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Oregon, adopted Ambulance Service Areas; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8 of Ordinance No. 2016-1, the Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, the Board mandated that no person may provide ambulance services in Columbia County without being fully franchised in accordance with the Ordinance unless specifically excepted by the Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, the Columbia County Ambulance Service Administrator called for applications to provide ambulance services in Columbia County; and

WHEREAS, Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District (SRFD), submitted its application for the franchise to operate in Ambulance Service Area 2 (ASA-2), which is generally in the Scappoose area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 11, of Ordinance No. 2016-1, Jaime Aanensen, Ambulance Service Administrator, reviewed the franchise application with a review committee, and recommended that the Board grant the ambulance service franchise for ASA-2 to SRFD; and

WHEREAS, a copy of SRFD’s application is attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Ambulance Service Administrator’s recommendation is attached hereto as Exhibit “B” and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12 of Ordinance No. 2016-1, the Board of Commissioners published notice of a public hearing and held a hearing In the Matter of Awarding Ambulance Service Area Franchises for Columbia County, on December 4, 2024; and

WHEREAS, during the hearing the Board of Commissioners heard the Ambulance Service Administrator’s recommendation and additional public testimony; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners thereafter continued the hearing to December 18, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the Board of Commissioners received additional testimony, closed the hearing, and voted unanimously to grant the Ambulance Service Franchise for ASA-2 to SRFD; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Section 13 of Ordinance No. 2016-1, franchise terms are 5 years unless the Board of County Commissioners finds that a longer or shorter term is required in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners found that a shorter franchise term of six months was in the public interest because the franchise agreement was not yet in final form and adopted Order No. 62-2024, granting a six month franchise to CRFPD expiring on June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, SRFD has now signed the Agreement for Ambulance Service Franchise for ASA-2;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

1. The ambulance service franchise for ASA-2 is hereby granted to Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District, for the period beginning July 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2029.
2. The franchise granted herein is subject to the terms and conditions of Ordinance No. 2016-1, the Columbia County Ambulance Service Ordinance, and the Columbia County Ambulance Service Plan, adopted by Ordinance No. 2024-1, as they may be amended, together with Franchise Agreement C77-2025.
3. Notwithstanding the Ambulance Service Plan, Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District shall have until July 31, 2027, to equip all ambulances with GPS AVL transponders compatible with Columbia 911 dispatch software.

Dated this 25th day of June, 2025.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON

By: _____
Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

By: _____
Casey Garrett, Commissioner

By: _____
Margaret Magruder, Commissioner

Approved as to form

By: _____
Office of County Counsel