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Dear Ambulance Service Providers:

As the Board of County Commissioners, we are writing to express our commitment to working collaboratively with you to finalize the Ambulance Service Area (ASA) Franchise Agreements. We recognize the critical role your Ambulance Service Areas play in providing lifesaving ambulance services to our communities, and we value your expertise and dedication.

Our County Counsel recently notified your attorney that the County is willing to negotiate certain provisions of the Franchise Agreement to be formalized in an amendment to the Franchise Agreement after the Franchise Agreements are signed. We wish to assure you that the County will enter into good faith negotiations as described by County Counsel, to begin as early as July 2025. After the Franchise Agreements are signed our County Counsel will reach out to your counsel to begin that process.

We pledge to continue to engage in these discussions in a way that is respectful of your input, considers our unique rural and frontier areas, and fulfills our shared legal obligations.

Sincerely,

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Kellie Jo Smith, Chair

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Casey Garrett, Commissioner

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Margaret Magruder, Commissioner