



## COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 4/27/2018 Meeting Date: 5/3/2018

Name: Joel Foreman Department: County Attorney

Division Manager's Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Scott".

**1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ISSUING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO LIBERTY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC., IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 401.25, FLORIDA STATUTES

**2. Recommended Motion/Action:**

There is no recommended motion or action.

**3. Fiscal impact on current budget.**

This item has no effect on the current budget.

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Board Agenda, May 3, 2018

From: Joel F. Foreman

**Re: Request for COPCN – Liberty Ambulance Service, Inc.**

Date: April 27, 2018

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Attached is a request from Liberty Ambulance Service for issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“COPCN”).

A draft COPCN is attached. The Board does not have any ordinance or policy in effect regulating or limiting issuance of COPCN’s in the County.

I recommend approval and issuance of the COPCN as attached.

April 16, 2018

Board of County Commissioners Columbia County Florida

135 NE Hernando Ave

Lake City, FL 32056-1529

Honorable Commissioners

Liberty Ambulance Service would like to request a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for the purpose of transporting patients into or out of Columbia County. With the growing population of hospice patients and also hospice providers, there is an increasing need for transportation services. This would help facilitate getting the patients to the appropriate facilities and also returning them to their respective homes.

Liberty Ambulance Service currently has contracts with Northeast Florida Hospice, Haven Hospice, Vitas Innovative Hospice Care and Heartland Hospice, which some of these are currently serving in your community. It is our intention to provide the best possible care and compassion to all of our patients but especially those patients in their final days.

We would also like to offer our services to the citizens in Columbia County and also mutual aid service as needed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Respectfully

Danny Cribbs, PMD

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**RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018R-\_\_\_\_**

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**WHEREAS**, Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, Part III, Section 401.25, provides for licensure by the State of Florida Department of Health of entities providing basic life support or advanced life support transportation services; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, Part III, subsection 401.25(2)(d), provides that a condition precedent to such licensure is a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from each county in which the applicant will operate; and

**WHEREAS, LIBERTY AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC., (“Liberty”)** shall provide emergency medical services, ambulance and transportation services for the citizens of Columbia County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, need has been demonstrated for Liberty to provide these essential services to the citizens of this County; and

**WHEREAS**, Liberty shall comply with all requirements of Chapter 401, Florida Statutes, Part III;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County hereby CERTIFIES that public convenience and necessity will be served by **LIBERTY AMBULANCE SERVICES, INC.**, providing emergency medical services, ambulance and transportation services within Columbia County.

Liberty shall in no way interfere with or cause confusion with respect to the performance of contractual emergency 9-1-1 services (EMS) provided by any third party to the County.

In issuing this Certificate, the Board of County Commissioners attests that any recommendations of municipalities within the service area were considered.

This Certificate shall not expire, but may be revoked by the Board on its own motion after giving Liberty notice and opportunity to be heard.

**PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners  
of Columbia County, Florida, this \_\_\_\_ day of May 2018.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

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TIM MURPHY, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Courts

Approved as to form:

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Joel F. Foreman, County Attorney