



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

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 3/25/2023 Meeting Date: 4/6/2023

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

Approved By: 

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

North Florida Regional Medical Center, Inc. requests a COPCN for inter-facility transport to pick up patients at Lake City Medical when they are unable to get timely transport for patients coming down to North Florida for transfer admission. They will provide an ALS/BLS ambulance because many of these transfers are ALS patients; cardiac, respiratory, etc

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Resolution No. 2023R-15

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2023R-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, ISSUING A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVIENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO NORTH FLORIDA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER INC., IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 401.25, FLORIDA STATUTES

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, **North Florida Regional Medical Center Inc.** (“NFRMC”), shall provide emergency medical services, ambulance, and transportation services for the citizens of Columbia County, Florida; and

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

WHEREAS, NFRMC has indicated that it 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 **North Florida Regional Medical Center Inc.**, providing emergency medical services, ambulance and transportation services within Columbia County.

NFRMC 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.

NFRMC shall utilize lights and sirens within Columbia County only when such use is justified by a patient’s condition.

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

This Certificate shall expire upon the expiration or termination of NFRMC's license issued by the State of Florida or five years from the date of this resolution, whichever occurs first.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida, this 6th day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rocky Ford, Chairman

ATTEST: _____
James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Courts

Approved as to form:

Joel F. Foreman, County Attorney