

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 19, 2009
Date Submitted: April 22, 2009
To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board
From: Jonny Williams, County Administrator
Brian Beasley, EMS Director
Subject: Florida State Hospital Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item seeks continuance for the Florida State Hospital Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN).

Background:

Florida State Hospital (FSH) requests a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) to operate an Ambulance. This unit is initially operated as a Basic Life Support Ambulance on the grounds of FSH and provides Mutual Aid to Gadsden County off the grounds when requested.

Analysis:

Gadsden EMS supports this request because provides backup possibilities for readiness concerns and availability for disaster situations.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact to the County.

Options:

1. Board approval.
2. Provide staff other direction.

Recommendation:

Option 1.

Attachment:

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Whereas, FLORIDA STATE HOSPITAL has requested authorization to provide BASIC LIFE SUPPORT services to the Residents of Florida State Hospital and Mutual Aid to citizens of Gadsden County as requested by Gadsden EMS; and

WHEREAS, there has been demonstrated there is a need to provide these essential services to the citizens of this county; and,

WHEREAS, the above named service affirms that it will maintain compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Medical Services Act (Chapter 401, F.S.) and rules (Chapter 64E-2, F.A.C.).

THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of GADSDEN County hereby issues a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Florida State Hospital to provide BLS-TRANSPORT services with limitations as prescribed in this certificate.

In issuing this certificate, the governing body of GADSDEN County has considered recommendations of affected municipalities.

Date Issued June 19, 2009 to continue for 2 years or until revoked or suspended by the Board of County Commissioners.

Limitations: Basic Life Support Service for FSH Residents and Mutual Aid as requested by Gadsden EMS.

Nicholas Thomas, Clerk of Circuit Court
Gadsden County, Florida

Eugene Lamb, Chairman,
Board of County Commissioners