

SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (COPCN) for The Villages Public Safety Department (Staff Recommends Approval).

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff Recommends Approval

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting **DATE OF MEETING:** 10/13/2020

CONTRACT: N/A Vendor/Entity: The Villages Public Safety Department

Effective Date: _____ Termination Date: _____
Managing Division / Dept: Assistant County Administrator

BUDGET IMPACT: N/A

FUNDING SOURCE: _____

Type: N/A **EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:** _____

HISTORY/FACTS/ISSUES:

Florida Administrative Code requires a Certificate of Convenience of Public Necessity (COPCN) for non-ambulance transport Emergency Medical Services (EMS) from the county commission in the county it intends to operate within.

The Villages Public Safety Department (VPSD) provides Advanced and Basic Life Support (ALS/BLS) Non-Transport first response services within The Villages® age-restricted development in Sumter County.

On September 28, 2020, VPSD informed Sumter County the previously issued COPCN for ALS/BLS Non-Transport services would expire on 9/30/2020. Sumter County provided a letter of intent to VPSD on 9/30/2020 to place the COPCN request before the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on October 13, 2020.

Sumter County has standardized medical direction for the other ALS/BLS first response agencies within Sumter County through contracted medical direction with the University of Florida (UF) Department of Emergency Medicine. Sumter County desires to continue to improve patient outcomes through consolidated medical direction.

Staff recommends approval of the COPCN with the requirement VPSD follow the medical direction of the UF Department of Emergency Medicine, and the BOCC adopted Quality Assurance (QA) review practices for all ALS/BLS providers in Sumter County.

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