

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Department: Commissioners

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In the Matter of Rejecting All Bids for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 911 Ambulance Services.

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

☐ Consent

☐ Regular

Board of County Commissioners Determined

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

☒ PASS RESOLUTION ☐ EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT
☐ ISSUE PROCLAMATION ☐ PASS ORDINANCE ☐ OTHER _____

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Background Information:

Summary & Recommendation:

Motion:

Department Head/ Elected Official

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BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION

**IN THE MATTER OF REJECTING ALL BIDS
FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
(EMS) 911 AMBULANCE SERVICES**

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WHEREAS, Yakima County authorized advertising a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) 911 Ambulance Services on October 27, 2020, by approving Resolution 318-2020; and,

WHEREAS, Yakima County awarded the bid to American Medical Response Inc. on February 2, 2021 pursuant to Resolution No. 037-2021; and,

WHEREAS, Subsequent to awarding the bid, questions have now been raised about the propriety of the proposal process; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County takes these concerns seriously and wants to be completely transparent; and

WHEREAS, because of the absence of Yakima County's Purchasing Department, which usually oversees the procurement process including the Request for Proposal and bid process, Yakima County hereby rejects all bids. By doing so, this Resolution nullifies and supersedes Resolution No. 037-2021.

WHEREAS, Yakima County reaffirms the desirability of a single provider for 911 ambulance services, as after months of research and deliberation, it has been requested by fire chiefs and city councils throughout Yakima County, implemented successfully in other Washington state jurisdictions, and will offer the following benefits to the community: more reliable ambulance service, a two-tiered pricing system that will provide emergency medical services at lower price points, rates established in contract, contract incentives to achieve faster response times, and a contract that will have no cost to Yakima County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Yakima County will advertise a Request for Proposal for EMS 911 Ambulance Services in the near future given the importance of the project. Any companies wishing to submit proposals will have an opportunity to submit their proposals, including all companies that submitted bids in response to the October 27, 2020 RFP.

DONE

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Ron Anderson, Chairman

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Attest: Julie Lawrence
Clerk of the Board

LaDon Linde, Commissioner

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