

Las Animas County



Board of County Commissioners

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Commissioner

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**A Resolution of the Board of County
Commissioners of Las Animas County,
to Opt Out of Requiring Authorizations
to Operate for Ambulance Service
Providers Licensed on or After July 1,
2024**

Resolution No. 24-029

Whereas, pursuant to C.R.S. §§ 30-11-101(1), 30-11-103, and 30-11-107(1) the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado (hereinafter "Board" or "County"), has the legislative authority to make all contracts and to settle all accounts of the County and to exercise such other and further powers as are conferred by law; and

Whereas, the Board has historically adopted and enforced rules and regulation governing the licensure of ambulance services in the County; and

Whereas, Colorado Senate Bill 22-225, now partially codified in C.R.S. § 25-3.5-314, modified Colorado law to require that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE"), as of July 1, 2024, be the primary licensing authority for ambulance services in the State of Colorado; and

Whereas, on or after July 1, 2024, pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-3.5-314(5)(a)(III), a county may enact an ordinance or resolution requiring authorizations to operate from ambulance service providers despite licensure being handled by CDPHE; and

Whereas, the Board at this time does not desire to require any ambulance service provider to request an authorization to operate in Las Animas County and as such, an ambulance service provider will only need to obtain a state license from CDPHE to operate within Las Animas County on or after July 1,

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2024; and

Whereas, the Board desires to formalize its intent to opt out of participating in the issuance of authorizations to operate at this time, with the understanding that the Board may choose at a later time to require such authorizations pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-3.5- 314(5)(b)(III).

Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado, that:


1. The Board of Las Animas County Commissioners, State of Colorado, has determined that it is in the best interest of the public to opt out of requiring ambulance service providers from requiring an authorization to operate in Las Animas County, and that pursuant to C.R.S. § 25-3.5-314(5)(b)(III), Las Animas County Administrative staff, or designees, are authorized and appointed on behalf of the Board to file any necessary paperwork with, and on whatever forms determined by, CDPHE to notify CDPHE of the Board's decision to opt out at this time, and annually thereafter as needed, unless the Board reconsiders the decision to opt out at a later time.
2. All orders, resolutions, bylaws, policies, or regulations of the County, or parts thereof, inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent only of such inconsistency.

Upon motion made and seconded and an affirmative vote, this Resolution was adopted on the 6th day of August 2024.

By Order of the Board of County Commissioners of Las Animas County, Colorado.



Felix M. Lopez, Commissioner



Luis Lopez II, Commissioner



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Attest:



Karrie L. Apple, Las Animas County Clerk & Recorder

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