

May 2, 2023

Morrow County Board of Commissioners
110 N. Court St.
Heppner, OR 97836

Commissioners Sykes, Drago, and Wenzholz;

Morrow County Health District maintains that the ASA Plan approved in March of 2022 by the Oregon Health Authority is valid and in effect and that the Morrow County Board of Commissioners' efforts to re-write the ASA Plan, including the public hearings scheduled on May 3, 2023 and May 10, 2023, are occurring in a manner which is not legal or ethical. MCHD is submitting documents under protest and without waiving its rights to seek other legal remedies including any claims regarding this issue.

Morrow County Health District is the only ambulance service provider authorized under ORS 198.010. As such, Morrow County Health District will continue to provide ambulance service to all of Morrow County. The Morrow County Board of Commissioners do not have authority to circumvent ORS 198.010 and therefore have no authority to award any portion of Morrow County to another special district for ambulance service.

Electronic Document Title	Pages	Description
IGA Between MCHD and Morrow County - 1995	15	Transfers responsibility for ambulance service from Morrow County to Morrow County Health District.
ASA Plan & Appendices - OHA Approved March 24, 2022	62	ASA Plan approved by OHA on March 24, 2022.
Ambulance Service Area Plan Approval Documents - 2021	25	Contains a history of the Morrow County Board of Commissioners and Oregon Health Authority approval of the 2021 ASA Plan.
Timeline of Events - Public - 04-11-23	12	Contains a timeline of the ambulance service dispute.
History of BFRD & BOC Interactions - February 2021 to April 2023	624	Timeline of BFRD's requests to and interactions with the BOC.
History of EMS Advisory Committee QA Problem Resolution Efforts	36	Timeline of EMS Advisory Committee efforts to obtain BFRD's compliance with the ASA Plan.
Wenzholz Ethics Complaint - 04-24-23	30	Complaint submitted to OGEC regarding Wenzholz conflict of interest.
Wipfli Memo Ambulance Reimbursement	2	Letter from Wipfli concerning MCHD's cost-based reimbursement for ambulance services.

Sincerely,



Emily Roberts
Chief Executive Officer
Morrow County Health District