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Morrow County's Board of Commissioners acted on staff recommendations and approved moving forward with notice of awards for Ambulance Service Areas (ASA) under the new Ambulance Service Plan that will be effective on July 17, 2024. Boardman Fire Rescue District was awarded the Northern ASA while Morrow County Health District was awarded the Southern and Northeast ASAs. Staff were directed to finalize contract negotiations and bring final contracts back to the Board for final approval. It is anticipated that ASA providers will assume responsibility for their respective areas in late July or August, depending on contracts being settled and resources being put into place.

The Board of Commissioners would like to acknowledge the community members that assisted staff in reviewing applications and interviewing the applicants. These individuals represented not only their respective communities but the entire County and provided invaluable insight, comments and questions during the process. Their input was an important factor in assisting staff to make final recommendations. These individuals include Emily Jack (Heppner), Sheila Miller (Lexington), Jerry Rietmann (Ione), Brenda Profitt (Boardman), and Michelle Patton (Irrigon). We also appreciate the assistance of David Anderson, the EMS Chief with North Gilliam Medical District, who provided specific EMS experience and knowledge for the Committee.

Information on the process, including applications, forms, presentation files, and other items, will be made available on the County's website on Friday, July 5, 2024.

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