

COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



Meeting Date: August 27, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: John A. Johnson, Fire Chief
Through: George Garrett, City Manager

Agenda Item: **Resolution 2024-64**, Approving And Ratifying The First Extension To The Professional Services Agreement Between The City Of Marathon And Professional Practice Support, Inc., Third Party Healthcare Billing Agreement; Authorizing The City Manager To Execute The Extension And Expend Budgeted Funds; And Providing For An Effective Date

BACKGROUND & JUSTIFICATION:

The City of Marathon is responsible for providing emergency medical service within the City boundaries. The City has previously contracted with Professional Practices Support, Inc., to provide computerized EMS and healthcare insurance billing service for the City’s Fire rescue Department and PPS has been successful recovering funds. The City currently contracts with the Consultant for these services, and the present contract expires on September 30, 2024. The City has agreed upon a scope of services and compensation on a percentage basis, and staff recommends approval.

CONSISTENCY CHECKLIST:

	Yes	No
1. Comprehensive Plan	_____	_____
2. Other _____	_____	_____
3. Not applicable _____		

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding for this agreement is included in the adopted FY24/25 Fire & EMS Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Council approve Resolution

Sponsored by: Garrett

**CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION 2024-64**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FIRST EXTENSION TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARATHON AND PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SUPPORT, INC., THIRD PARTY HEALTH CARE BILLING AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND BUDGETED FUNDS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Marathon, Florida (the “City”) has previously contracted with Professional Practice Support, Inc. (“PPS”), to provide computerized EMS and healthcare insurance billing service for the City’s Fire Rescue Department: and

WHEREAS, the services provided by PPS to the City have resulted in the collection of significant amount of monies from healthcare insurance companies and other third parties for EMS services provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant and City, through mutual negotiation, have agreed to extend the agreement for one year for Emergency Medical Services (“EMS”) healthcare insurance and patient billing reimbursement services (the “Services”); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The agreement between the City and Consultant is hereby ratified and extended one year to September 30, 2025, with such non-material changes as may be acceptable to the City Manager and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, is approved. The City Manager is authorized to expend budgeted funds on behalf of the City.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA, THIS 27th DAY OF AUGUST 2024

THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA

Robyn Still, Mayor

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

Diane Clavier, City Clerk

(City Seal)

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY FOR THE USE
AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MARATHON, FLORIDA ONLY:**

Steve Williams, City Attorney



CITY OF MARATHON FIRE RESCUE

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August 14, 2024

Professional Practice Support, Inc.
C/o Ms. Holly Hirneisen
P.O. Box 5847
Gainesville, GA 30504

Dear Ms. Hirneisen,

The City of Marathon will be renewing its contract with Professional Practice Support, Inc. for the provision of EMS billing and collection services to the Marathon Fire Rescue Department. Your current contract that was extended through Resolution 2023-80 will expire September 30, 2024. Resolution 2023-80 indicates an option to renew for 2 additional one-year terms subject to the same terms and conditions, by providing the Consultant with written notice to renew the contract. We appreciate the services received to date and are pleased by the mutual consent to renew this contract as outlined in Resolution 2023-80.

Sincerely,

George Garrett
City Manager

By signature below, Professional Practice Support, Inc. mutually consents to renew the contract for EMS Billing and Collection Services with the City of Marathon Fire Rescue Department subject to the same terms and conditions as were previously extended under Resolution 2023-80.

This _____ day of _____, 2024.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE SUPPORT, INC.

BY: _____

Holly M. Hirneisen, President