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MEETING DATE: March 24, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Mike Alexander, Director, Office of Emergency Management

DESCRIPTION: Public Contract for Services with Several Vendors for 2026 Aviation Wildland Fire Support.

SUMMARY: As a result of ongoing dry conditions in and around Douglas County, coupled with limited air resources in the region for wildland fire suppression, the Douglas County Office of Emergency Management is requesting approval to enter into contracts with several vendors to utilize “Call When Needed” service options.

The Office of Emergency Management seeks approval for public service contracts with the following vendors:

- 10 Tanker Air Carrier, LLC
- HeliQwest International
- Trans Aero LTD

These contracts will allow the County to request aerial firefighting resources when needed during wildfire incidents. The contracts will take effect on March 25, 2026, and will expire on December 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the 2026 Aviation Wildland Fire Public Contract for Services.

REVIEW:

Tim Hallmark	Approve	3/12/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	3/13/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	3/13/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	3/19/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

2026 CWN Aircraft Contract_10 Tanker 01.21.26
2026 CWN Aircraft Contract_HeliQwest 01.21.26
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