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BREAKING

Baker County Commissioners vote to hire private ambulance firm to replace Baker City Fire Department

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The Baker County Board of Commissioners is moving toward replacing the Baker City Fire Department as the ambulance provider for the city and for about two-thirds of the rest of the county.

Commissioners voted unanimously on Wednesday morning, June 8, to accept an advisory committee's recommendation to choose Metro West Ambulance, a private firm from Hillsboro, to operate ambulances here.

Metro West was one of two private companies that submitted proposals to the county by the June 3 deadline.

Victory EMS of Boise is the other.

Commissioners asked Kim Mosier, the county's attorney, to prepare a notice of intent to award the contract to Metro West.

Metro West has been in business for 69 years and operates ambulances in seven areas in Oregon, three in Washington and one in California.