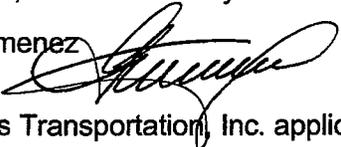


Date: November 15, 2011

To: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Care Express Transportation, Inc. application for five nonemergency vehicles

Agenda Item No. 8(N)(9)

Resolution No. R-997-11

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the application of Care Express Transportation, Inc. for five (5) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate five (5) nonemergency vehicles.

SCOPE

These Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity are countywide, allowing the certificate holder to operate in unincorporated and incorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FUNDING SOURCE

Licensing, operating permit and inspection fees are collected by the Consumer Services Department (CSD) to support regulatory activities. There is an annual regulatory fee of \$625 per certificate that will yield \$3,125 in revenue annually for the five (5) new certificates. Vehicle inspections are \$38 per vehicle.

TRACK RECORD/MONITOR

Applicant is a new permit holder. There is no enforcement history. The Consumer Services Department (CSD) will be responsible for monitoring this company.

BACKGROUND

On December 18, 1980, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 80-145, later codified in Chapter 4, Article III of the Code of Miami-Dade County, providing for the regulation of nonemergency medical transportation. Section 4-44 of the County Code provides the procedures to be followed by the County in processing certificate applications. Based upon those requirements, the Board may issue or refuse to issue the certificate as applied for, or may issue the certificate with modifications or upon such terms and conditions as in its judgment the public interest may require. In reaching a determination, the Board shall consider the application, the County Manager's recommendation, all matters presented during the public hearing, and among others, the following criteria:

- (1) The ability of the applicant to provide the proposed service;
- (2) The adequacy of the management plan of the applicant; and
- (3) The benefits that will accrue to the public interest from the proposed service.

Care Express Transportation, Inc., located at 4561 West 9th Court, Hialeah, Florida 33012, seeks to obtain five (5) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide wheelchair and combination wheelchair/stretchers nonemergency medical transportation service to individuals requiring this type of transportation.

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The applicant seeks to transport patients to and from various medical facilities throughout Miami-Dade County seven (7) days a week, 24 hours a day. Nonemergency Transportation rates are not regulated by Miami-Dade County; however, under the Code the Certificate Holder must file their rates with CSD and post them within the passenger compartment section of each vehicle. The proposed rates are listed on the attached rate schedule. The vehicles operated under these certificates will be required to meet the requirements of Section 4-49 of the Code establishing vehicle inspection frequencies.

The management plan submitted by Mr. Reinaldo M. Alonso, President of Care Express Transportation, Inc., includes maintenance, communication, and record keeping systems and meets the requirements of the Code. All required financial statements and credit references have been submitted. The proposed service standards meet all requirements of the Code and adequately meet transportation and comfort needs. A background investigation reveals no criminal record within the last five years for the officer(s) of the corporation.

The proposed services to be provided under this certificate will increase the availability of licensed nonemergency medical transportation in Miami-Dade County thus providing increased competition and high service standards to the public.



Lisa M. Martinez
Senior Advisor



MEMORANDUM

(Revised)

TO: Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: November 15, 2011

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Agenda Item No. 8(N)(9)

Please note any items checked.

- "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised**
- 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing**
- 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing**
- Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget**
- Budget required**
- Statement of fiscal impact required**
- Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing**
- No committee review**
- Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous____) to approve**
- Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required**

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. R-997-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR FIVE (5)
CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO CARE EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION, INC.
TO PROVIDE WHEELCHAIR AND COMBINATION
WHEELCHAIR/STRETCHER NONEMERGENCY MEDICAL
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, this Board desires to accomplish the purposes outlined in the accompanying memorandum, a copy of which is incorporated herein by reference,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board approves the application by Care Express Transportation, Inc. for five (5) Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate five (5) nonemergency vehicles to provide wheelchair and combination wheelchair/stretcher nonemergency medical transportation in Miami-Dade County.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Commissioner **Rebeca Sosa**, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner **Sally A. Heyman** and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

	Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	aye	
	Audrey M. Edmonson, Vice Chairwoman	absent	
Bruno A. Barreiro	aye	Lynda Bell	aye
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.	aye	Jose "Pepe" Diaz	aye
Sally A. Heyman	aye	Barbara J. Jordan	aye
Jean Monestime	aye	Dennis C. Moss	aye
Rebeca Sosa	aye	Sen. Javier D. Souto	aye
Xavier L. Suarez	absent		

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 15th day of November, 2011. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.



MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: **Christopher Agrippa**
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

GKS

Gerald K. Sanchez

Care Express Transportation, Inc.

4561 W 9 Ct Hialeah Fl, 33012
786-220-2911

Miami Dade County fee sheet

Wheel chair \$ 35.00
Stretcher \$ 120.00

This is a fixed rate for each trip with in the limits of Miami Dade County.