



GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD ACTION

County Admin Building
128 W. Main Avenue.
Gastonia, NC 28052

Fire Marshal

File #: 16-047

Commissioner Brown - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. to Obtain Financing (\$55,800) to Purchase Three Complete Sets of Hurst Edraulic Extrication Tools to Replace Their Current Non-Serviceable Units as Approved by the Fire Advisory Board on January 11, 2016

STAFF CONTACT

Eric Hendrix, Fire Marshal @ 704-866-3231

BUDGET IMPACT

This purchase involves a down payment of \$18,606.92 with the remainder, \$55,800, being financed through Fidelity Bank at a rate of 3%. Quarterly payments, in the amount of \$4,868.19 will be made for three (3) years. Funds will be derived from the Chapel Grove / South Gastonia Fire Service Districts and will require no additional County funding nor any Fire Service District tax increase.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

This purchase maintains current policy and will require no additional County funding nor any Fire Service District tax increase.

BACKGROUND

At the Fire Advisory Board meeting on January 11, 2016, Chief Eric Withers presented a Certificate of Need for Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue. This is to purchase 3 complete sets of Hurst Edraulic Extrication Tools, (Each set consisting of a spreader, cutter, ram with 2 batteries plus charger and an 110v adapter) at a cost of \$74,406.92.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

Donna S. Buff

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraleigh	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-045	02/09/2016	CB	AF	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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There will be a down payment of \$18,606.92, with the remainder, \$55,800, being financed through Fidelity Bank at a rate of 3%. Payments will be made quarterly in the amount of \$4,868.19 for three years. **CMFR will NOT be asking for a tax increase in 2016 budget year.** Existing extrication equipment is more than 15-20 years old, some being obsolete and parts for repairs are unavailable. This equipment is past-due for upgrades. The tools are needed for citizens that are trapped or pinned in their vehicle and/or machinery. Also, they are a safety benefit for firefighters since these tools are not as heavy and are stronger resulting in less extrication time. CMFR will attempt to sell and/or donate tools that are less than 15 years old to a less privileged department. Questions, answers and discussion followed. Matt Kanupp made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they extend the Certificate of Need to Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue. Barry Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition. The motion carried. This action indicates the Gaston County Board of Commissioners knows of and is in accord with this transaction. It also authorizes the Chairman of the County Commission to sign any additional funding documentation letter(s) required by the financing institution.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department _____

Name: Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1181 Gastonia NC 28053
Street City State Zip

Chief: Eric Withers Contact Phone #: (704) 915-5477

Board President: Chris Eason Contact Phone #: (704) 853-6795

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: Yes No

General Description of Purchase:

Three complete sets of Hurst Edraulic extrication tools. One set consist of a spreader, cutter, and ram with 2 batteries plus charger per tool. Also, a 110v adapter is included with this package.

Time Line of Purchase:

CMVFR would be taking purchase immediately and tools would be available to us before February 01, 2016. This is important due to potential price increases with the first of the year. On average this number is 2%-4%.

List Specifics of Purchase:

Approved for Bank financing. Will pay \$18,606.92 down and finance \$55,800 over 3 yrs @ 3%. Quarterly payments of \$4,868.19 with a total cost of financing at \$2,764.50. Effect to 2015/16 budget is down payment and one quarterly payment (\$23,475.11).

Estimated Cost: \$74,406.92

Financing Information _____

Lender: Fidelity Bank

Amount Financed : \$55,800 Rate: 3%

Estimated Amount : \$58,564.50 # of Payments: 12 (4 @ 3 Years)

Down Payment Amount: \$18,606.92

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: 24% / 29%

Any Re-Financing or Bundling Yes No (If Yes, Then Describe):

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

How Will Purchase Benefit the Department (Safety/ISO/Cost Savings, etc.):

Safety for victim(s) trapped or pinned in their vehicle and/or machinery. Also, a safety benefit for our membership-lighter and stronger which equates less extrication time. No ISO benefit that we don't already receive. Cost savings is biggest reason for the purchase.

How Will Purchase be Funded (Long Term - **NOT Just Current Year**):

Purchase will be funded over next three years and will be budgeted. CMVFR does have almost \$80,000 in the fire reserve fund, but this is doable through our normal budget.

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives:

We would have current tools serviced and look for other alternatives. But other alternatives would also have a price in order to purchase. Also, the majority tools we currently have will not cut or pry today's average vehicle.

Is this a Replacement? Yes No

If Yes, List Details (make, model, years of service, remaining balance, etc.).

All current tools and pumps are paid for in full- the majority is more than 20 years old.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

CMVFR will attempt to sale and/or donate to a less privileged department. This will be only for the tools that are less than 15 years old. The majority of our cache is obsolete to sale or donate.

Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted? Yes No

Received By _____ Date: _____
FMO Staff

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved