



**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD ACTION**

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

**Fire Marshal**

**File #: 15-131**

Commissioner Brown - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for the Alexis Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. to Obtain Financing (\$181,217) to Purchase Twenty-Six (26) Scott Airpacks to Replace Their Current Non-Serviceable Units as Approved by the Fire Advisory Board on November 30, 2015

**STAFF CONTACT**

Eric Hendrix, Fire Marshal @ 704-866-3231

**BUDGET IMPACT**

This purchase involves a down payment of \$11,217 with the remainder, \$170,000, being financed through Local Government Federal Credit Union at a rate of 2.75%. Annual payments, in the amount of \$19,679 will be made for ten (10) years. Funds will be derived from the Alexis Fire Service District 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**

On November 30, 2015, Bryan Robinson presented a Certificate of Need Application for Alexis Fire Department. This is to purchase 26 Scott Air Packs at an estimated cost of \$181,217. There will be a down payment of \$11,217, with the remainder, \$170,000, being financed through Local Government Federal Credit Union at a rate of 2.75%. Payments are set at \$19,679 annually for 10 years. **Alexis will NOT be asking for a tax increase next budget year.** Barry Wilson made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they extend the Certificate of Need to Alexis. David Toomey 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

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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
2016-019	01/26/2016	TP	CB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

Name: Alexis Volunteer Fire Department

Address: PO Box 37 Alexis NC 28006  
*Street City State Zip*

Chief: Brad Presswood Contact Phone #: (704) 719-6400

Board President: Ron Sadler Contact Phone #: (704) 363-6836

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No

General Description of Purchase:  
26 Scott Airpacks

Time Line of Purchase:  
December 1, 2015

List Specifics of Purchase:  
To replace current 1998 Scott Airpacks

Estimated Cost: \$ 181,217

### Financing Information

Lender: Local Government Federal Credit Union

Amount Financed : \$ 170,000.00 Rate: 2.75%

Estimated Amount : \$ 19,679.00 # of Payments: 10

Down Payment Amount: \$ 11,217.00

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: 43% / 46%

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.):

Replacing airpacks that are 17 years old and having all airpacks with the same features. Currently inventory includes three different models of Scott airpacks.

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

Financing through the LGFCU. Primary funding will come through the two annual fundraisers with the balance from grant matching funds. We will reduce the amount of money we request on the two state grants to allow for the balance that doesn't come through the fundraisers. Once the current apparatus loans are paid in full (2022), we will pay off the airpacks, reducing the ten year loan for the airpacks to a seven year loan

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

None

Is this a Replacement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

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

1998 Scott 4.5 SCBA's

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

We plan to sell the old SCBA's if possible.

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