



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Emergency Management and Fire Services

Board Action

File #: 22-360

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the amount of \$144,000.00, for the purchase of a 2023 Ferrara Pumper

STAFF CONTACT

Kevin Gordon - Emergency Management and Fire Services - 704-862-6240

BUDGET IMPACT

The purchase is in keeping with current policy.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

The purchase is in keeping with current policy.

BACKGROUND

Gaston County Fire Commission met August 25th, 2022, where Chief Thomas presented a Certificate of Need to cover cost of 2023 Ferrara Pumper in the amount of \$144,000.00. Jimmy Brown made a motion to approve. Jeff Hovis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire Department's Certificate of Need

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	CBrown	AFraley	BHovis	KJohnson	TKelgher	TPhilbeck	RWorley	Vote
2022-285	09/27/2022	AF	TK	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department

Name: Crowders Mountain Fire & Rescue

Address: 480 Bethany Rd. Gastonia NC 28052
Street City State Zip

Chief: Woody Thomas Contact Phone #: (704) 460-2104

Board President: Chris Eason Contact Phone #: (704) 718-3880

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No

General Description of Purchase:
2023 Ferrara Pumper

Time Line of Purchase:
1 Year +/-

List Specifics of Purchase:

2023 Ferrara Custom Pumper, 6 Man cab, 1500 Hale Pump, 1000 gallon booster tank, 28" front bumper w/dischARGE, 360° camera, booster reel, rear discharges.

Estimated Cost: \$619,000.00

Financing Information

Lender: Fidelity Bank

Amount Financed : \$144,000.00 +/- Rate: 4.7%

Estimated Amount : \$180,000.00 Approx. # of Payments: 120

Down Payment Amount: - 0 - (Will be paid in full at time of delivery)

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: \$21,432/\$19,621 (27.92%/25.56%)

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

Debt ratio (post purchase) represents '08 Pierce Tanker being paid in full.

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

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

Replacement of engine loss due to accident; meeting current OSFM department records for number of apparatus. Reduced maintenance costs.

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

Bank Financing

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

Operate current fleet as is (less one engine). Notify OSFM of non-approval in order to re-adjust their records.

Is this a Replacement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

1997 Seagrave, 24 years of service, no remaining balance - loss due to accident.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

Apparatus secured by insurance company (VFIS)

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