



# Gaston County

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## Gaston Emergency Medical Services (GEMS)

### Board Action

File #: 16-263

Commissioner Fraley - To Change the Chassis Brand and Model on the Bid Award Approved by the BOC on February 10, 2015 and the Bid Extension Approved on January 26, 2016, from Mercedes Sprinter to Ford Transit. To Authorize Staff to Make the Necessary Adjustments to Purchase the Ambulances out of Existing FY 2015 and FY 2016 Funds (**No Additional County Funds**)

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#### BUDGET IMPACT

Change chassis brand and model on existing bid award. No additional county funds.

#### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

No Budget Impact

#### BACKGROUND

On February 10, 2015, the BOC approved the bid award for Basic Life Support ambulances (Resolution 2015-044) and on January 26, 2016, that bid award was extended (Resolution 2016-005). These bids were awarded to Northwestern Emergency Vehicles and specified Mercedes Sprinter Chassis for the ambulance upfit. Based on our difficulties with Mercedes Sprinter chassis and our fleet and ongoing escalating maintenance costs, it is desirable to change to the Ford Transit HD350 chassis. Since bids were not received for the Ford Transit, we would like to operate off of the HGAC group purchasing program contract (AM10-14) which Northwestern Emergency Vehicles is a part of. This chassis change will have little effect on the ambulance upfit, as the van chassis are quite similar. The cost of the completed ambulances will be equal to or slightly less than the original bid price (not higher). However it should be noted that we plan to buy extended warranties on the Ford chassis out of present year appropriated funds. The extended warranties were not included in the original bid specs because they were not available on the Mercedes Sprinters chassis at that time.

#### POLICY IMPACT

No Policy Impact

#### ATTACHMENTS

No Attachments

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	Kelgher	Phillbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
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