



# Gaston County

Gaston County  
Board of Commissioners  
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## Financial and Management Services - Finance

### Board Action

**File #:** 26-149

Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Amend Resolution 2026-103 for Lowell Fire Department for Purchase of New Engine by **\$50,000.00**

#### STAFF CONTACT

Kyle Sutherland - Finance - 704-866-3130

#### BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact.

#### BACKGROUND

At the April 1, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting, the Lowell Fire Department presented a Certificate of Need (CON) to amend the previously approved Certificate of Need for a New Engine. The amendment is for an additional \$50,000.00, for a total of \$950,000.00, to purchase a New Engine. The Fire Commission approved the amended Certificate of Need with the financing term to be 15 years. The line item for debt payments will increase and be included in the FY27 Budget.

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

Certificate of Need 2026407-55

DO NOT TYPE BELOW THIS LINE

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	JBailey	CBrown	CCloninger	AFraley	BHovis	TKelgher	SShehan	Vote
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**Gaston County  
Fire Commission**



# CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

## Fire Department

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**Name**

LOWELL VOL FIRE DEPT

**Address**

202 Groves St

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Lowell

City

North Carolina

State

28098-3917

Zip Code

**Chief**

Robbie Cunningham

**Contact Phone #**

(980) 525-7849

**Board President**

HD Fulbright

**Contact Phone #**

(704) 824-3357

**Fire Department Board Approval / Notification**

Yes  No

**General Description of Purchase**

Amendment to CN 20262242-45

**Time Line of Purchase**

Soon

**List Specifics of Purchase**

Amendment to total amount of \$950,000.00 over a 15 yr term at \$91,000/yr

2026 Ferrara Sender Engine Demo Spec  
1000 gallons  
1750 GPMS SINGLE STAGE HALE PUMP  
450HP CUMMINS

**Estimated Cost**

\$950,000.00

**Financing Information**

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**Lender**

Elite Finance Group

**Amount Financed**

\$950,000.00

**Rate**

5.03

**Estimated Amount**

\$950,000.00

**Number of Payments**

15

**Down Payment Amount**

\$0.00

**Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase**

0

**Any Re-Financing or Bundling**

Yes  No

**If Yes, then Describe**

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

Replacing the Tanker that is 29 years old and on downhill decline

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

County

**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.)**

1997 Ferrara Engine 1000 gallon

**What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?**

Reserve /sold

**Submit your last three 5-Year Capital Improvement Plans:**

**5-year Plan**

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**5-year Plan #2 (optional)**

**5-year Plan #3 (optional)**

**Account Balances:**

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Money Market	Other
\$50,223.23	\$36,937.56	\$13,334.75	\$0.00	\$9,690.99	\$0.00
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund
				Money Market	Other

**STAFF ONLY**

Received By (OEMFS Director):

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Date:

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Fire Commission Meeting Date:

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Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:

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**Certificate Number**

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