



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Financial and Management Services - Finance

### Board Action

File # 26-114

Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for South Point Fire Department for Purchase of New Engine in the Amount of \$1,100,000 00 to be Financed with First National

#### STAFF CONTACT

Kyle Sutherland - Finance - 704-866-3130

#### BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact. No appropriation of County funds.

#### BACKGROUND

At the February 24, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting, a Certificate of Need (CON) was presented for South Point Fire Department for a New Engine in the amount of \$1,100,000 00 to be financed with First National. The Fire Commission approved the Certificate of Need The line item for debt payments in the current budget will be retiring and will be replaced with the loan for the new engine.

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

Certificate of Need 20262242-46

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	TKeigher	SShehan	Vote
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# Gaston County Fire Commission



## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

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**Name**

South Point

**Address**

2300 South Point Road

Address Line 1

PO BOX 1201

Address Line 2

Belmont

City

North Carolina

State

28012

Zip Code

**Chief**

Russ King

**Contact Phone #**

(704) 913-2307

**Board President**

Billy McClean

**Contact Phone #**

(704) 718-1900

**Fire Department Board Approval / Notification**

Yes  No

**General Description of Purchase**

New Engine Company

**Time Line of Purchase**

280 days to 18 months

**List Specifics of Purchase**

New Engine with 1000 gallon tank.

**Estimated Cost**

\$1,100,000 00

# Financing Information

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**Lender**

First National

**Amount Financed**

\$100,000,000 00

**Rate**

4 89

**Estimated Amount**

\$112,126 53

**Number of Payments**

12

**Down Payment Amount**

\$0 00

**Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase**

Current is zero. / Post would be 5

**Any Re-Financing or Bundling**

Yes  No

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

South Point currently has a 2010(newest engine) which is 16 years old and the second engine is a 1995 engine and should be retired. NFPA 1900/1901 recommends retiring apparatus after 25 years.

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

Budget, replacing the current line for building and replacing with truck payment.

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

Continue as equipped

**Is This a Replacement?**

Yes  No

**If Yes, List Details (Make, Model, Years of Service, Remaining Balance, etc.)**

1995 Seagrave. 31 years of Service. Zero balance.

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

The old apparatus will be sold and some of the equipment will be used on the new truck.

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

**5-year Plan**  
5 Year Plan FY2025.xlsx

**5-year Plan #2 (optional)**  
5 Year Plan FY 2022 - FY2027  
Revised (1).xlsx

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

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**Account Balances.**

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Other	Other
\$544,702.00	\$275,334 00	\$35,000 00	\$65,000 00		
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund
				Other	Other

**STAFF ONLY**

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Received By (OEMFS Director).  
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Date.  
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Fire Commission Meeting Date:  
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APPROVED      NOT  
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Gaston County BOC Meeting Date  
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**Certificate Number**  
20262242-46

**SOUTH POINT VFD**

<b>5 Year Capital Improvement Plan</b>
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Year	Item	Cost	Extend
FY 2025 -2026	Bail Out Kit/Personal TIC	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
FY 2026-2027	Engine	\$950,000.00	\$950,000.00
FY 2027-2028	SCBA	\$157,500.00	\$157,500.00
FY 2028-2029	Bail Out Kit/Personal TIC	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
FY 2029-2030	Front Pad	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>\$1,307,500.00</b>

**Topic**                      **Replace Engine 424 Estimated cost \$985,000.00**

FY	Source	Amount
FY 2023-2024	Budget	\$100,000.00
	Savings	\$100,000.00
FY 2024 2025	Budget	\$100,000.00
	Savings	\$25,000.00
FY 2025 -2026	Budget	\$100,000.00
	Savings	\$25,000.00
FY 2026-2027	Budget	\$100,000.00
	Savings	\$25,000.00
FY 2027-2028	Budget	\$100,000.00
	<b>FINANCE</b>	<b>\$310,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$985,000.00</b>

**Topic** Fire Station: Annual Payment = \$102,845.00. Four payments remaining.  
 This debt will be relieved prior to purchase the new Engine 424.  
 (SPVFD annual share \$51,422.50)

**Topic** Turn out Gear Purchase/Replace 28 sets over 5 Years

FF Turn Out Gear	Requirement: Sets	Cost	Extend	
FY 2022 -2023	10	\$3,548.25	\$35,482.45	Grant Funds
FY 2023-2024	3	\$4,000.00	\$12,000.00	
FY 2024 2025	4	\$4,000.00	\$16,000.00	
FY 2025 -2026	4	\$4,500.00	\$18,000.00	
FY 2026-2027	4	\$4,650.00	\$18,600.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>		<b>\$100,082.45</b>	

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