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To: The Gaston County Board of Commissioners

From: Sgt. J. E. Knupp

Ref: New Sonar

On June 26, 2023 I requested funds from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to purchase a new side scan sonar unit for the Gaston County Police Work Skiff patrol boat. This vessel is the department's primary patrol boat for Lake Wylie and is currently in need of an update to the sonar, which is ten years old.

The sonar I requested was a Lowrance HDS-9 PRO. This sonar is a side scan, multi-image sonar with very high resolution. The Marine Enforcement Unit uses the sonar to locate objects under the water such as vehicles, bodies or other items of interest in the furtherance of law enforcement related investigations.

After requesting the funds, the commissioners who were present unanimously agreed to fund the cost of the new sonar unit in the amount of \$2050.00.

I am requesting approval from the Gaston County Board of Commissioners to accept the funds from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission and then purchase the new sonar.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sgt. J. E. Knupp