



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Emergency Management and Fire Services

Board Action

File #: 23-528

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Community Volunteer Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the Amount of \$916,637.00, for the Purchase of a 2024 SMEAL Custom Fire Apparatus

STAFF CONTACT

Scott Hunter - Emergency Management and Fire Services - 704-866-3231

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 on October 19th, 2023, where Chief Jackson presented a Certificate of Need to cover cost of 2024 Smeal Custom Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$916,637.00. Justin Westbrook made a motion to approve. Alston Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed with one nay from Todd Davis.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Community 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:

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2023-392	11/28/2023	RW	BH	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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Gaston County Fire Commission
Certificate of Need Application
Certificate Number: (Certificate # 202310192-8)

Fire Department

Name

Community Volunteer Fire Department

Address

1873 Perfection Rd, Belmont, North Carolina 28012

Chief

Robert Gary Jackson III

Contact Phone #

(704) 813-0848

Board President

William Poole

Contact Phone #

(704) 674-1441

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

Yes

General Description of Purchase

2024 SMEAL Custom Fire Apparatus (See attached documentation)

Time Line of Purchase

Immediate

List Specifics of Purchase

See attached documentation for apparatus specifications

Estimated Cost

\$916,367.00

Financing Information

Lender

CIVIC Federal Credit Union

Amount Financed

\$916,367.00

Rate

5.90%

Estimated Amount

\$8,897.00

Number of Payments

144

Down Payment Amount

\$0.00

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase

Evaluation forth coming from our accountant's review of our most recent profit/loss information and current balance sheet.

Any Re-Financing or Bundling

No

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

American LaFrance has been out of business for greater than 10 years. Replacement parts are becoming increasingly difficult to find. Parts we cannot locate have to be custom made.

With delivery time of the new apparatus, this apparatus will have approximately 19 years of in-service time. In addition to increase delivery time, the cost of fire apparatus in general has increase exponentially of the last two-three years. In terms of apparatus longevity, this is an appropriate time to purchase financially.

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

Purchase will be funded through our current approved budget.

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

If not approved, we will continue to follow the most current and approved process for a later purchase..

Is This a Replacement?

Yes

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

2007 American LaFrance Rescue/Pumper. Current In-Service Time: 16 years. Community does have a clear title for this apparatus.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

The sale of the 2007 American Lafrance will be processed through a broker..

Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted?

Yes

UPLOAD FILE(S)**Item 1****Upload Files**

Body Summary Community VFD Belmont NC
23393 01 060623.pdf

Chassis Summary Community VFD Belmont NC
23393 01 060623-1.pdf

Drawing 23393 Community VFD Belmont NC
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Current Fire Service Loan terms.docx

Proposed Sales Contract for Prepay Terms.pdf
Additional Financial Information.docx

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