



# Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners  
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## Emergency Management and Fire Services

### Board Action

File #: 23-530

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need for Agriculture Center Volunteer Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the Amount of \$1,050,000.00, for the Purchase of a Smeal Custom Class A Pumper

#### STAFF CONTACT

Scott Hunter - Emergency Management - 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 October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, where Chief Towery presented a Certificate of Need to cover cost of a Smeal Custom Class A Pumper in the amount of \$1,050,000.00. Bob Hovis made a motion to approve. Todd Davis seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

The truck has a 2 ½ year build time and the loan cannot commence until 90 days out from taking delivery.

#### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

#### ATTACHMENTS

Agriculture Center 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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Gaston County Fire Commission  
Certificate of Need Application  
Certificate Number: (Certificate # 202310192-9)

## Fire Department

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**Name**

Agriculture Center Volunteer Fire Department

**Address**

1428 Costner School Rd., Bessemer City, North Carolina 28016

**Chief**

Shane Towery

**Contact Phone #**

(704) 502-2029

**Board President**

Josh Crisp

**Contact Phone #**

(980) 522-6313

**Fire Department Board Approval / Notification**

Yes

**General Description of Purchase**

Smeal Custom Class A Pumper

**Time Line of Purchase**

Order before November 1, 2023 due to scheduled price increase. This order has an estimated build time of 850 days.

**List Specifics of Purchase**

Will discuss at scheduled meeting.

**Estimated Cost**

\$1,050,000.00

## Financing Information

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**Lender**

CIVIC

**Amount Financed**

\$826,000.00

**Rate**

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**Estimated Amount**

\$112,000.00

**Number of Payments**

10 Annual or 120 Monthly

**Down Payment Amount**

\$224,000.00

**Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase**

Will remain the same .

**Any Re-Financing or Bundling**

No

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

Replacing a 30 year old apparatus. Safety.

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

With current budgeted debt services.

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

None

**Is This a Replacement?**

Yes

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

1996 Spartan Marion Pumper

42,117 miles

30 years of service when the proposed replacement arrives.

Zero balance remains on this apparatus.

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

Sell after replacement arrives.

**Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted?**

Yes

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

Drawing 23140-03 Ag Center Bessemer NC

101623-1.pdf

**Item 2****Upload Files**

CoverLetter2ACVFD.pdf

**STAFF ONLY**

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Received By (OEMFS Director):

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Fire Commission Meeting Date:

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Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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