



Gaston County

Gaston County
Board of Commissioners
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Emergency Management and Fire Services

Board Action

File #: 25-252

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for North Gaston Fire Department for a Surplus Trailer from GEMS in the Amount of \$1.00

STAFF CONTACT

Scott Hunter - Emergency Management and Fire Services - 704-866-3350

BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact. No appropriation of County funds.

BACKGROUND

At the April 16th, 2025, Fire Commission Meeting, Chief Dennis Cash presented Certificate of Need 2025404-31 for a Surplus Trailer from GEMS in the amount of \$1.00. Richard Albaugh made a motion to approve the Certificate of Need. Bob Hovis seconded the motion. The motion was opposed by Scott Zander, Justin Westbrook, Eric Withers, and Brian Weyeneth. In favor were Richard Albaugh, Jamie Ramsey, Will Keller, Hob Hovis and Rob Smith. The motion passed.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Certificate of Need 2025404-31

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:

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Gaston County Fire Commission



CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department

Name

North Gaston Fire Department

Address

110 Tomkins Street, High Shoals, North Carolina 28077

Chief

Dennis Cash

Contact Phone #

(704) 736-5723

Board President

Terry Black

Contact Phone #

(704) 922-6283

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

Yes

General Description of Purchase

Purchase a surplus trailer from Gaston County that has been in service with GEMS as a Rehab trailer. The trailer is a 24 foot long, 2008 model year, Cargo Express brand trailer. it is well used but serviceable.

Time Line of Purchase

Approximately May 1, 2025

List Specifics of Purchase

Contingent upon approval of a CON by the Fire Commission and contingent upon the approval of the surplus and sale of the trailer by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners, we plan to procure this trailer and implement it as a Rehab trailer at NGFD, utilizing it to pack and carry our rehab assets to better organize them for rapid deployment.

Estimated Cost

\$1.00

Financing Information

Lender

N/A

Amount Financed

\$0.00

Rate

0

Estimated Amount

\$0.00

Number of Payments

0

Down Payment Amount

\$0.00

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase

0

Any Re-Financing or Bundling

No

If Yes, then Describe

N/A

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

The purchase and deployment of this trailer will benefit the NGFD, surrounding departments, other public safety agencies who respond to the High Shoals area, as well as the citizens of High Shoals and our surrounding area in a variety of ways. This will directly benefit the North Gaston FD by allowing us to better pack, track, maintain, and deploy our rehab assets at fire scenes and training events. These assets will be more readily available to NGFD and surrounding departments, as well as other public safety departments who respond to an extended incidents in the High Shoals area. This trailer will also benefit the public, as the NGFD provides standby services for community events and provides fire education to citizens at public events.

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

A \$1 donation will be utilized to purchase the trailer in the current year. Sweat equity by NGFD members to clean and maintain the trailer will be utilized for future years.

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

Continue to pack and carry all rehab assets in another trailer with other equipment, rendering the rehab assets more difficult to unpack and deploy.

Is This a Replacement?

No

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

N/A

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

N/A

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

Other

Other

UPLOAD FILE(S)

Item 1

Upload Files

STAFF ONLY

Received By (OEMFS Director):

Date:

Fire Commission Meeting Date:

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NOT

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:

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NOT

Certificate Number

2025404-31