



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Emergency Management and Fire Services

Board Action

File #: 25-253

Commissioner Hovis - Emergency Management and Fire Services - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for Agriculture Center Fire Department for a 2025 Ford 350 Command/Utility Truck at \$80,000.00

STAFF CONTACT

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

BUDGET IMPACT

No budget impact. No appropriation of County fund.

BACKGROUND

At the April 16th, 2025, Fire Commission Meeting, Chief Shane Towery of Agriculture Center Fire Department presented Certificate of Need 2025402-32 for a 2025 Ford 350 Command/Utility Truck with an estimated amount of \$80,000.00. This requires no financing and will be purchased with the funds made off the sale of Engine 619. Eric Withers made a motion to approve the Certificate of Need. Justin Westbrook seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Certificate of Need 2025402-32

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
2025-164	05/27/2025	TK	JB	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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A=AYE, N=NAY, AB=ABSENT, ABS=ABSTAIN, U=UNANIMOUS



Gaston County Fire Commission



CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department

Name

Agriculture Center Fire Department

Address

1428 Costner School Road

Address Line 1

PO Box 474 - Dallas, NC 28034

Address Line 2

Bessemer City

City

North Carolina

State

28016

Zip Code

Chief

Shane Towery

Contact Phone

(704) 502-2029

Board President

Josh Crisp

Contact Phone

(980) 522-6313

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

☒ Yes ☐ No

General Description of Purchase

2025 Ford F-350 (Command and Utility)

Time Line of Purchase

ASAP

List Specifics of Purchase

The purchase of this truck will be entirely funded by the proceeds from the sale of the department's rescue truck. This acquisition has been included in our department's 5-year plan for several years. Additionally, this purchase will not affect the department's current budget, nor will it require any external financing

Estimated Cost

\$80,000.00

Financing Information

Lender

NONE

Amount Financed

\$0.00

Rate

0

Estimated Amount

\$0.00

Number of Payments

0

Down Payment Amount

\$0.00

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase

30%

**Any Re-Financing or
Bundling**

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

The new truck will serve as a multi-use piece of equipment, functioning as a command vehicle. It will be equipped to carry essential items such as SCBAs, small equipment, EMS supplies, Combi-Rescue Tool, and more.

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

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If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

NONE

Is This a Replacement?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

C-61 is a 2010 GMC Yukon with over 120,000 miles. (\$0 Balance)

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

It will be repurposed and set aside as a training vehicle, primarily for attending training sessions and other related departmental uses

Submit your last three 5-Year Capital Improvement Plans:

5-year Plan

CoverLetter2ACVFD.pdf

5-year Plan #2 (optional)

CoverLetter25ACVFD.docx

5-year Plan #3 (optional)

Ag Center
CoverLetterFY26ACVFD.pdf

Account Balances:

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Other	Other
\$362,416.33	\$0.00	\$132,562.70	\$56,000.00		
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund
				Other	Other

STAFF ONLY

Received By (OEMFS Director):

Date:

Fire Commission Meeting Date:

APPROVED NOT
APPROVED

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date:

APPROVED NOT
APPROVED

Certificate Number

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