



**GASTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**BOARD ACTION**

County Admin Building  
128 W. Main Avenue.  
Gastonia, NC 28052

**Gaston Emergency Medical Services  
(GEMS)**

**File #: 16-056**

Commissioner Fraley - To Appropriate Funds for New Ambulance Stretcher Retention Systems (\$56,147 Fund Balance)

**STAFF CONTACT**

Mark Lamphiear, Emergency Medical Services - 704.866.3202

**BUDGET IMPACT**

Appropriates Fund Balance. One-time; not ongoing.

**BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT**

Appropriates one-time fund balance money to purchase required ambulance stretcher retention systems.

**BACKGROUND**

At the present time, we have six replacement ambulances on order, one of which is an Advanced Life Support (ALS) unit, and five of which are Basic Life Support (BLS) units. Financing for FY 16 replacement ambulances was recently approved to order six additional replacement ALS units and one additional replacement BLS unit.

New SAE safety standards have recently come out regarding the retention of ambulance stretchers and crashworthiness. Stryker, the manufacturer of our ambulance stretchers, has had a very expensive power loading solution to these standards for several years. Stryker recently came out with a new safety-standard compliant, manual stretcher retention system.

The new ambulances will likely be in service for the next five years, so it is important to meet the new safety standards. Rather than retrofitting the remaining ambulances that are presently in service, we will update the stretcher retention systems when those trucks are replaced.

**POLICY IMPACT**

No policy impact.

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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:

NO.	DATE	M1	M2	Brown	Carpenter	Fraley	Keigher	Philbeck	Price	Williams	Vote
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## GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4370 Emergency Medical Services  
 Dept. # Department Name

Mark A. Lamphiear 1-22-2016  
 Department Director's Signature Date

### TYPE OF REQUEST:

- ☐ Line Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
 ☐ Line Item Transfer Between Funds \*
- ☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
 ☒ Additional Appropriation of Funds \*
- ☐ Line Item Transfer Between Departments\*
 \* Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

Resolution # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget)	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund - Dept - Subdept - Div - Acct - Subacct xx - xxxx - xxxx - xxxx - xxx - xxx	PROJECT SUBPROJECT xxxxx - xxxxx	AMOUNT Whole Dollars Only (See Note Below)
Fund Balance: Appropriated	10-9900-991-500		(\$56,147)
Motor Vehicles	10-4370-540-000		\$30,233
Motor Vehicles	10-4372-540-000		\$25,914

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Due to new safety standards for the retention of ambulance cots, funds are needed to purchase next generation stretcher retention systems for ambulances presently in production (FY 15 trucks) and for ambulances about to be ordered (FY 16 trucks). Of the 13 total units, 6 are Basic Life Support ambulances and 7 are Advanced Life Support ambulances. These new ambulances will likely be in service for the next 5 years so it is important to meet the new safety standards. Rather than retrofitting the remaining ambulances that are presently in service, we will update the stretcher retention systems when those trucks are replaced.

### APPROVAL SIGNATURES:

[Signature] 2/11/16  
 County Manager/Interim Assistant County Manager Date

[Signature] 2/11/16  
 Financial Operations Manager/Asst. Financial Operations Mgr. Date

[Signature] 2/11/16  
 Interim Budget Administrator Date

Note: Decreases in expenditures & increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures & decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require interfund transfer accounts.