Gaston County

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Financial and Management Services - Finance

Board Action

File #: 26-216

Commissioner Hovis - Financial and Management Services - Finance - To Approve a Certificate of Need (CON) for East Gaston Fire Department for Replacement Tires and to Appropriate Unified Fire District Fund Balance ($9,000.00)

STAFF CONTACT

Kyle Sutherland - Finance - 704-866-3130

BUDGET IMPACT

Unified Fire District Fund: Increase Fund Balance Appropriated and the associated expense account by $9,000.00.

BACKGROUND

At the April 16, 2026 Fire Commission Meeting a Certificate of Need (CON) was presented on behalf of East Gaston Fire Department for replacement tires on Tanker 30 in the amount of $9,000.00. East Gaston Fire Department is requesting this additional funding as the purchase would require the department to exceed their current vehicle maintenance line item budget. The Fire Commission approved the Certificate of Need (CON) for $9,000.00.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request (BCR), Certificate of Need 20263182-51

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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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2026-165	**05/26/2026**	**AF**	**JB**	**A**	**A**	**AB**	**A**	**A**	**AB**	**A**	**U**

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GASTON COUNTY
BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST (BCR)

TO: Matthew Rhoten, County Manager

FROM:

FIN	Finance
Dept. Code	Department Name

Kyle Sutherland	5/7/2026
Department Director	Date

REQUEST TYPE:

- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Within Department & Fund
- ☐ Project Transfer Within Department & Fund
- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Departments
- ☐ Line-Item Transfer Between Funds*
- ☑ Additional Appropriation of Funds*

*Requires resolution by the Board of Commissioners

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION As it appears in Munis Ex. Employee Training	ACCOUNT NUMBER Fund-Dept-Div-SubDiv-Prog-SubProg-Future-Obj-Proj XXXX-XXX-XXX-XXXXX-XXXXXX-XXXXXXX-XXXX-XX-XXXXXX-XXXXX Ex. 1000-BGT-000-00000-000000-0000000-0000-01-520011-	AMOUNT** Ex. ($5,000.00) Ex. $5,000.00
Additional Subsidies	2036-000-000-00000-000000-EGaston-0000-02-570011-	$ 9,000.00
Fund Balance Appropriated	2036-NDP-000-00000-FBApro-0000000-0000-99-490000-	$ (9,000.00)
		$

** Decreases in expenditures and increases in revenue accounts require brackets. Increases in expenditures and decreases in revenue do not require brackets. Please note that transfers between funds require inter-fund transfer accounts.

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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Gaston County
Fire Commission

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department

Name

East Gaston VFD

Address

108 Arrochem Way
Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Mount Holly	North Carolina	28120
City	State	Zip Code

Chief

Corey Jonas

Contact Phone #

(704) 616-0418

Board President

James Jonas

Contact Phone #

(704) 813-4832

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification

⊙ Yes ○ No

General Description of Purchase

The purchase would be for the replacement of tires on Tanker 30

Time Line of Purchase

As soon as possible.

List Specifics of Purchase

The East Gaston VFD is requested $9,000.00 from the fund balance to cover the cost for replacing the tires on Tanker 30. The tires on this apparatus have reached the end of the NFPA service life and must be replaced, should an accident occur and these tires are not within compliance the department would bare the full burden and this would deny families any line of duty benefits. This singular purchase would require the department to exceed their current vehicle maintenance line item and would account for a third of the overall budget line in future years. The department did apply for the state grant for tires but ultimately was denied the grant, as well the department has sent a letter to Michelin seeking a donation to cover the replacement or a portion of the replacement.

Estimated Cost

$9,000.00

Financing Information

Lender

No loan

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

O Yes ⦿ No

If Yes, then Describe

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

This purchase directly applies to the safety of the member of East Gaston VFD. It is imperative that departments provide the safest environment possible, the activities are hazardous enough and do not need to be complicated with sub par equipment or out of date tires.

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

N/A

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives

The department has added this replacement cost into the preventative maintenace line item for the FY27 budget request but do to the constriats the department feels that this item will be removed from the budget althought the severe implications of not have this completed.

Is This a Replacement?

O Yes ⦿ No

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

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

Submit your last three 5-Year Capital Improvement Plans:

5-year Plan	5-year Plan #2 (optional)	5-year Plan #3 (optional)
25-26 CIP.docx		

Account Balances:

Checking	CD	Savings	Relief Fund	Holding	Other
$32,854.64	$0.00	$0.00	$82,611.00	$81,488.67	$0.00
				Name of Fund	Name of Fund

Holding	Other

UPLOAD FILE(S)

Item 1
Tanker 30 Tire Quote 1.pdf

STAFF ONLY

Received By (OEMFS Director): _____ Date: _____

Fire Commission Meeting Date: _____ APPROVED NOT APPROVED

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date: _____ APPROVED NOT APPROVED

Certificate Number
20263182-51

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CHARLOTTE, NC 28206

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CUSTOMER: EAST GASTON VOL FIRE DEPT
108 ARROCHEM WAY
1091494 PO BOX 288
MT HOLLY, NC
28120

BUSINESS: 704/827-8861 0
SALESMAN: 00100
ESTIMATE DATE: 01/23/26 DUE: 02/23/26

PRODUCT	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY	PRICE	EXTENSION
77510	MCH 315/80R22.5 L(20) XZUS2	2	705.84	1534.54
	FET:	61.43		
64321	MCH 11R22.5 H(16) XDN2 DR	8	537.12	4532.08
	FET:	29.39		
05359	MCH 11R22.5 H(16) XDS2	8	639.36	5350.00
	FET:	29.39		
ON NATIONAL BACKORDER COULD BE MONTH TO 3 MONTHS				
NCDISPOSL	DIS NORTH CAROLINA SCRAP TAX		114.22	114.22

MERCHANDISE: 10823.52
OTHER: 114.22
F.E.T.: 593.10
SALES TAX: 799.16
ESTIMATE TOTAL: 12330.00

********THIS IS NOT AN INVOICE********
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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY, CHECK ONE OF THE STATEMENTS BELOW, AND SIGN:
I UNDERSTAND THAT, UNDER STATE LAW, I AM ENTITLED TO A WRITTEN ESTIMATE IF MY FINAL BILL WILL EXCEED $100.
( ) I REQUEST A WRITTEN ESTIMATE.
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( ) I DO NOT REQUEST A WRITTEN ESTIMATE.
SIGNED:_____ DATE:_____

CREDIT CARD TRANSACTIONS WILL HAVE A 3% SURCHARGE EFFECTIVE 2/2/2026. DEBIT CARDS AND OTHER FORMS OF PAYMENTS ASIDE FROM CREDIT CARDS WILL NOT IMPOSE THE 3% SURCHARGE.

East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

108 Arrow-Chem Way Mount Holly, NC 28120
Phone: (704) 827-8861 / Website: www.eastgastonvfd.com

To: Gaston County Fire Commission, and Gaston County Commissioners

From: Corey Jonas, Fire Chief

Subject: Capital Improvement Plan / 5 Year Plan

The Board of Directors for the East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department have done a thorough review of the department's needs and with that have identified several items that will require Capital Funding. The department currently has debt service for a consolidated Fire Station & Apparatus Loan that will be paid in full March of 2026. The East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department seeks to earmark those funds for future purchases as outlined below.

- Replacement of Engine 30 – Engine 30 a 2008 Spartan Smeal and will reach 20 – year service life in 2028. With future planning in mind and rising maintenance costs across the fleet the department is currently seeking replacement options. Primarily the department is in the developmental stage for a certificate of need to purchase a replacement apparatus that is due to be completed in the summer of 2026. With this purchase the current Engine 30 would move to a reserve apparatus and Rescue 30 – a 2000 Freightliner FL70 dry rescue will be sold.
- Replacement of Squad 30 – The East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department has established an apparatus committee to begin the development and design for a replacement apparatus. The current Squad 30 is a 2009 Spartan Smeal which will reach its 20-year service life in 2029. With the process beginning now and the estimated 3-year production time for a new apparatus, the department intends to proceed with this acquisition within the next 6 months to 1-year.
- Tanker 30 will also reach its 20-year service life in 2029; this project is slated for future development based upon the needs of the department.
- HVAC replacement, the department is looking to implement a systematic replacement of HVAC systems at the fire station. The fire station will be 20-years old in 2027, this is well beyond the life span of the 5 systems that support the facility, one such unit has already been partially replaced due to failure. Due to the significance and depth of this project it will likely be a costly replacement within the next 1-3 years. The department intends to space this replacement process out after the payoff of the current loan.
- Bay door replacement – The current glass bay doors are experiencing structural design issues. The doors are beginning to bow, some more significantly than others. Door maintenance personnel have explained that this issue is due to the design of the door. The department will need to replace these almost 20-year-old doors in the coming years to ensure operational capability and to avoid catastrophic failure.
- SCBA Replacement – The current SCBA's were purchased in 2014 and will reach the 15-year life in 2029, with the significant changes in standards since the purchase, the department intends to replace then SCBA with newer models. The department intends to apply for grants to offset the cost of this project.
- Purchase and renovation of Sub-station – The department currently rents a bay in the Stanley Civil Defense Rescue Squad; the Board of Directors has had preliminary talks with the Stanley CD Rescue Directors about the possibility of purchasing the facility to create a permanent sub-

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station. This station would facility the elimination of the East Gaston Fire District's 9E area which currently contains approximately $47.7 Million in property values and could potentially save citizens approximately $218,421 in insurance premiums annually. If allowed the department intends to pursue a Community Block Grant for the purchase and renovation of the facility.

The East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department continually evaluates the department's budget to ensure the department stays in line with the long-term strategic goals. The department and its Board of Directors maintain a working document that outlines a 5-10-15 year strategic plan to guide the department's long-term strategic decisions, albeit not all items would be considered capital purchases but are still included in the vision. The Board has expressed interest in developing a 30-year plan to cement the future of the East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department.

The Board of Directors and I are dedicated to the constant evaluation of the East Gaston Volunteer Fire Department's Budget to ensure we maintain the taxpayer's best interest.

Respectfully,
Corey N. Jonas
Fire Chief