



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Fire Marshal

Board Action

File #: 17-416

Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Transfer of Accumulated Funds Realized from Past Tax Collections, Revaluation, Interest Earned, Etc. to Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. **(\$7,707)**

STAFF CONTACT

Eric Hendrix - Fire Marshal - 704-866-3231

BUDGET IMPACT

These transfers are keeping within current policy to transfer accumulated funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

Transferring accumulated funds from Fund Balance Appropriated Account to Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc.

BACKGROUND

On occasion funds accumulate in fire district taxing accounts through the realization of past taxes being collected, property revaluation between budgets and account interest earned. This action will transfer such accumulated funds to Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. Chief Scott Moore submitted a spending plan (attached) and Lowell's request for approval to ask the Commissioners to release \$7,707 of their reserve funds to them. Lowell plans to refinance their current debt through the Local Government Federal Credit Union in order to lower their interest rate and to split their debt into three separate notes. They are currently paying 3.45% interest rate and refinancing with three separate notes will bring interest rates to 2.25%, 2.50% and 2.75%. Lowell will use the reserve funds to pay costs associated with refinancing (all closing costs, appraisal, survey and attorney fees). Ted Hendrix made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they release \$7,707 reserved funds to Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Barry Wilson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Budget Change Request; Lowell VFD's Overage Funds Letter

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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 | Fraley | Grant | Hovis | Kelgher | Philbeck | Worley | Vote |
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| 2017-291 | 12/12/2017 | TP | DG | A | A | A | A | A | A | A | U |

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GASTON COUNTY BUDGET CHANGE REQUEST

TO: Earl Mathers COUNTY MANAGER

FROM: 4340 Fire Marshal
 Dept. # Department Name

Eric H. Hendrix 11/14/2017
 Department Director's Name 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

| ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION (As it appears in the budget) | ACCOUNT NUMBER <small>Fund - Function - Dept - Division - Object - Project</small> xxx - xx - xxx - xxx - xxx - xxx | AMOUNT Whole Dollars Only (See Note Below) |
|--|---|--|
| Fund Balance Appropriated *Additional Subsidies (A/S) | 028-99-9900-0000-490000 | (7,707) |
| Lowell Volunteer Fire Dept., Inc. | 028-02-4420-0000-570007 | 7,707 |

JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

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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.



Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

202 Groves Street
Lowell, NC 28098

October 19, 2017

Gaston County
Fire Marshal, Eric Hendrix
615 North Highland Street
Gastonia, NC 28053

Re: Overage Funds

Dear: Gaston County Fire Advisory Board

The Board of Directors have voted to refinance our current debt with the Local Government Federal Credit Union. This is being done to lower our interest rate and to split our debt into three separate notes. We currently pay 3.45% interest and refinancing will bring us to three separate notes with interest rates of 2.25%, 2.5% and 2.75%.

With refinancing we are requesting to use our overage funds to pay all closing cost which will relieve us from having to include those cost in the loan. Specifically the closing cost being paid will cover our appraisal, survey and attorney fees. We will be requesting the balance of our overage funds which is \$7,707.00.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott Moore".

Scott Moore
Fire Chief
Lowell VFD