



# Gaston County

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## Fire Marshal

## Board Action

File #: 17-417

Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for Tryonota Fire Department to Obtain Financing, in the amount of \$500,000, to Purchase a new Class A Pumper with 1500 to 2000 GPM Pump and 1,000 Gallon Booster Tank as Approved by the Fire Advisory Board on November 9, 2017

### STAFF CONTACT

Eric Hendrix - Fire Marshal - 704-866-3231

### BUDGET IMPACT

This purchase is in keeping with current policy

### BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

This purchase is in keeping with current policy

### BACKGROUND

Chief Justin Barnes presented a Certificate of Need and a 5 year plan for Tryonota Fire Department. (attached) They are planning to purchase a new Class A Pumper with 1500 to 2000 GPM Pump/1,000 Gallon Booster Tank. This apparatus will replace a 1996 Freightliner Commercial Built Engine truck that has been in service at Tryonota for 22 years. Purchasing this Pumper will reduce costs for the department in maintenance of the old truck, provide more safety features and avoid higher costs if waiting to order a new truck. The old truck will continue to serve the Tryonota Fire District by keeping its equipment and by being moved to Station 2 (Chestnut Ridge). Estimated cost of the new truck and equipment is \$550,000. Tryonota will make a down payment of \$50,000. They are planning to finance through Local Government Federal Credit Union \$500,000 at a rate of 3.25%. The loan is to be repaid in 15 payments. They will not be asking for a tax increase. Jeff Hovis made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they extend the Certificate of Need to Tryonota Fire Department. Matt Kanupp seconded the motion. There was no further discussion or opposition. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

### POLICY IMPACT

N/A

### ATTACHMENTS

Tryonota Fire Department Certificate of Need

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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	Phillbeck	Worley	Vote
2017-292	12/12/2017	TP	DG	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

### Fire Department

Name: Tryonota Fire Department

Address: 2577 Tryon Courthouse Rd Bessemer City NC 28016  
*Street City State Zip*

Chief: Justin Barnes Contact Phone #: (980) 522-6745

Board President: Clayton Ramsey Contact Phone #: (704) 293-6439

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No

### General Description of Purchase:

New Class A Pumper / 1500 to 2000 GPM Pump / 1,000 Gallon Booster Tank

### Time Line of Purchase:

265 to 360 Days

### List Specifics of Purchase:

Front Line Pumper, Custom with 5 seat positions

Estimated Cost: Truck and Equipment 550,000 dollars

### Financing Information

Lender: LGFCU Commercial Lending

Amount Financed : 500,000 Rate: 3.25%

Estimated Amount : 550,000 # of Payments: 15

Down Payment Amount: 50,000

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: 70,000 for building, 42,000 payroll

Any Re-Financing or Bundling ☐ Yes ☒ No (If Yes, Then Describe):

## CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

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

- : If we purchase now we save money due to a increase cost in manufacturing of a new apparatus.
- : Safety factors that a custom has versus a commercial
- : Cost savings due to a decrease in truck maintenance

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

- : This Department has a budget of 278,000 a year.
- : Our debt is a station remodel 70,000 a year, our payroll is 42,000 a year, new pumper 45,000 a year.
- : Which leaves a operations budget of 121,000 a year

If Purchase is NOT Approved for Funding, Describe Department Alternatives:

- : Our maintenance and repair budget would continue to increase
- : We would have to prepare for purchasing multiple units years later due to a aging fleet.

Is this a Replacement?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, List Details (make, model, years of service, remaining balance, etc.).

- : 1996 Freightliner Commercial Built Engine with 22 years of service.

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

- : The old Apparatus would continue to serve the Tryon Fire District by keeping its equipment and by being moved to sta.2 which is the Chestnut Ridge area.

Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Received By

*FMO Staff*

Date:

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved / Not Approved

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved / Not Approved



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## **Tryonota Fire Department's Future Goals:**

### **2018**

- Continue to purchase safety equipment for personnel
- Replace eight sets of old and worn-out turnout gear
- Place order for a new fire engine for Station 1
- Replacing 10 out-of-date air cylinders for airpacks
- Seek for an increase in tax rate

### **2019**

- Replace five sets of old and worn-out turnout gear
- Adding weekend and nighttime paid positions
- Replacing old hydraulic rescue equipment (Over twenty years old)
- Install generators at both stations
- Receive new engine for station 1

### **2020**

- Replace 20 sets of old and worn out turnout gear
- Form truck committee to begin process of replacing 1992 tanker
- Continue to purchase safety equipment for personnel
- Small addition and renovate station two
- Replace 22 air packs that are older than 20 years

### **2021**

- Adding water points for ISO
- Order new tanker to replace 1992 tanker
- Continue to purchase safety equipment for personnel

### **2022**

- Receive tanker
- Continue to purchase safety equipment for personnel