



Gaston County

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Board of Commissioners
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Fire Marshal

Board Action

File #: 17-418

Commissioner Grant - Fire Marshal - To Approve the Finance Arrangements and a Certificate of Need for Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. to Obtain Financing, in the amount of \$1,000,000, to Purchase a Three Bay plus Approximately 1500 Square Foot Metal Building to be used as Station 3 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

CMVFR Board President, Chris Eason presented a Certificate of Need (attached), power point presentation and detailed handouts for Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Inc. This Certificate of Need is to purchase/erect a 1500 square foot metal building with three bays to be used as their new station (03). They are planning to finance through Fidelity Bank \$1,000,000 at a rate of 4.0% with payments of \$63,000 for 20 years. The new station is needed to lower ISO rating and to reduce response times. CMVFR currently has the apparatus to staff the station. NO TAX INCREASE will be needed. They plan to be operating out of the station by the end of 2018. There were extensive questions, answers, and discussion that included ISO rating, personnel staffing of the station, call volume, history of CMVFR station locations and economic growth in that district. Commissioner Don Grant made a motion to recommend to the Commissioners that they extend the Certificate of Need to Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue, 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

Crowder's Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. - Certificate of Need

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	Brown	Fraley	Grant	Hovis	Keigher	Philbeck	Worley	Vote
2017-293	12/12/2017	TP	DG	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	U

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

CERTIFICATE OF NEED APPLICATION

Fire Department _____

Name: Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc.

Address: PO Box 1181 Gastonia NC 28053
Street City State Zip

Chief: Eric Withers Contact Phone #: (704) 915-5477

Board President: Chris Eason Contact Phone #: (704) 853-6795

Fire Department Board Approval / Notification: ☒ Yes ☐ No

General Description of Purchase:

Purchase of a three bay plus approximately 1500 square foot metal building. This structure will be a substation for CMVFR.

Time Line of Purchase:

After certificate of need there will be 2-3 months of meetings with architect, builder, and bank with our building committee.

List Specifics of Purchase:

If approved for bank financing then CMVFR will be moving forward with contractual agreement with contractor to build structure.

Estimated Cost: \$1,000,000

Financing Information _____

Lender: Fidelity Bank

Amount Financed : ~\$1,000,000 Rate: 4.0%

Estimated Amount : \$63,000 # of Payments: 20 years

Down Payment Amount: \$0

Debt Ratio-Current / Post Purchase: _____

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.):

See word document. It will benefit the department in many ways- the biggest will be ISO which will benefit the community in this area.

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

See word document.

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

There are no alternatives for this need.

Is this a Replacement? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

N/A

What Will Become of Old Apparatus / Equipment?

N/A

Has 5 Year Plan Been Submitted? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Received By _____ Date: _____
FMO Staff

Fire Advisory Board Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved

Gaston County BOC Meeting Date: _____ Approved / Not Approved

Debt Service Analysis for Fiscal Year [REDACTED]

Vehicles - Balance Owed

Apparatus	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
2008 Pierce	\$216,168.97	Fidelity Bank	Quarterly \$8700/\$34800.00
2- Pierce En	\$642,062.11	Fidelity Bank	Quarterly \$12,900/\$51,600.00
Total:	\$858,231.08		

Buildings and Facilities - Balance Owed

Building	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
Station 01	\$980,853.65	Fidelity Bank	Monthly \$8,250/\$99,000.00
Station 03	\$1,000,000.00	Fidelity Bank	Monthly \$5300/\$63,000.00
Total:	\$1,980,853.65		

Other - Balance Owed

Other	Balance	Owed To	Payment Schedule
Total:	\$0.00		

Cash on Hand

As of Date:

September 1, 2017

Balance

Checking Account	\$163,003.39
Savings Account	
Other (Certificates of Deposit, etc.)	\$117,711.01

This budget request is presented to the Gaston County Board of Commissioners by the

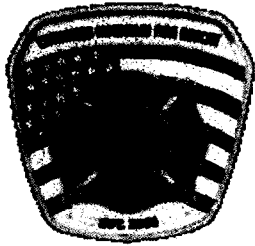
[REDACTED] Board of Directors for Fiscal Year [REDACTED]

This budget was adopted by the Board of Directors on the [REDACTED] day of

[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Signature / President

Signature / Secretary



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Office of the Department Chief
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Gastonia, NC 28053
Non-Emergency: 704-867-4451

October 25, 2017

Crowders Mountain Volunteer Fire & Rescue, Inc. (CMVFR) and its Board of Directors are requesting a certificate of need for the construction of Station 03. We have done our 'due diligence' with researching everything you may want to know about this service area and property/station. In 2014, CMVFR received a rating of 7/9E. The total number of properties within the 9E rating in 2014 was 848 properties with a tax value of \$67,980,154. CMVFR looked at its options and decided that the best option for the community was to build a third station. (I would be willing to review our options with the FAB). The FAB approved for the purchase of land which CMVFR currently owns, and by approving this certificate of need for the station our project will be almost completed. Our station will be built in a high populated area where the majority of our residents are on a fixed income. It will provide a lower ISO rating which will lower insurance premiums and put money back into the pockets of our shareholders. CMVFR currently has the apparatus to staff the station. This station will reduce response times for emergencies which will support CMVFR mission of saving lives and property.

The 2017-2018 debt services analysis for CMVFR along with an up-dated budget sheet is also attached for your viewing.

Thank you,

Eric Withers
Department Chief