

**Caroline County
Board of Supervisors Agenda
Executive Summary**

Meeting Date: January 26, 2021

Title: Consent Agenda – Approval of Proposed Purchase over \$50,000 (Replacement of Fire-Rescue Logistics Vehicle)

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Summary: The adopted Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Fire-Rescue Budget (hereinafter referred to as FY 2021) includes \$17,000 for a replacement Fire-Rescue logistics vehicle (to replace an existing 2002 Ford Excursion with over 200,000 miles). As indicated in the attached memorandum, Fire-EMS Chief Jason Loftus is seeking authorization to purchase a replacement vehicle (a 2020 Chevrolet ¾-ton Express Cargo Van) from the Commonwealth of Virginia contract at a cost of \$23,000.

As Chief Loftus explains, the cost to repair the vehicle now exceeds its estimated value. Therefore, continuing to repair the vehicle would not appear to be in the County’s best interest. The Department of Fire & Rescue looked at purchasing a comparable used vehicle, but the cost for a used vehicle exceeds the price of a new vehicle from the state contract.

Budget Impact: There is a delta of \$6,000 in the amount included in the FY 2021 Fire & Rescue operational budget and the purchase price. Chief Loftus proposes to provide the additional \$6,000 needed from the Fire-Rescue Capital Reserve Fund.

Requested Action from Board of Supervisors: Staff requests the following actions from the Board:

- 1) Approve purchase of replacement Fire-Rescue logistics van as proposed; and

2) Declare 2002 Ford Excursion as surplus and allow proceeds from sale to accrue to Fire-Rescue Capital Reserve



County of Caroline
Department of Fire-Rescue & Emergency Management

Date: December 17, 2020

To: Charles Culley, County Administrator
Caroline County Board of Supervisors

From: Jason R. Loftus, Chief

Subject: Fire-Rescue Logistics Vehicle replacement

The Department has a 2002 Chevrolet Excursion with 202,458 miles which is currently out of service in need of transmission work. The estimate for the repair starts at \$4,300 and will potentially go higher as they get into the repair. Work has not been authorized on this vehicle because the repair cost is higher than the value of the vehicle and this vehicle was scheduled to be replaced in this current Fiscal Year.

The vehicle has a Kelly Blue Value of between \$1,129 - \$3,618. Therefore, we are at a point where the repair costs outvalue the vehicle. This vehicle was scheduled to be replaced in the current budget year, with a budgeted replacement of a used vehicle for \$17,000. The vehicle is used in Logistics and its' replacement is critical for the continued functioning of our Department. Logistics vehicles function as service trucks and must be capable of carrying a complement of tools, ladders, equipment to facilitate repairs, move supplies to stations, and be capable of towing trailers and other department equipment.

The Department has investigated the used vehicle market as well as new vehicles under state vehicle contract. The value of used vehicles has risen throughout the COVID period making the price out of reach for out FY2021 budgeted amount. Prices for an identified replacement vehicle on the used market are listing for more than a new vehicle on state contract. Under this condition it makes more sense to look at a new vehicle for replacement.

As a result, the Department is requesting the Board consider purchasing a new 2020 Chevrolet ¾ ton Express Cargo Van with a towing capacity of 10,000 lbs. on state contract for \$23,000. Using the FY 2021 budget amount of \$17,000, we would need an additional \$5,000 to purchase this vehicle. We are recommending the additional funds come from the Fire-Rescue Capital Reserve Fund.

Furthermore, we would request the Board surplus the 2002 Ford Excursion and any proceeds from the sale of the vehicle reimbursement the Fire-Rescue Capital service. It is estimated a realized revenue from the sale of the Excursion is \$2,000 for the value of the motor.

Recommended Action:

1.) Approve the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet ¾ ton Express Cargo Van on state contract for \$23,000.00

2.) Motion to declare the 2002 Ford Excursion as surplus with the proceeds of the sale to go to the Fire-Rescue Capital Reserve.

Vehicle History

The 2002 Ford Excursion was purchased in 2002 as a first responder vehicle for Sparta Volunteer Fire Department. When Sparta no longer needed a first response vehicle, it was repurposed for Deputy Chief Garnett. Vehicle was then used by the Operations Captain. In 2015 it was used for the 24/7 Battalion Chief's vehicle and then to Logistics Division. In the past 5 years, the vehicle has had a total of \$14,346 dollars in repair costs. This vehicle is no longer cost effective to maintain in the fire-rescue fleet.