

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** September 2, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Etowah Horse Shoe Fire & Rescue Lease Purchase Agreement

**ATTACHMENTS:** Draft Letter to United Financial

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

At the May 20, 2008 Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee meeting, Etowah Horse Shoe Fire and Rescue presented a proposal to purchase two new pumper / tankers. The total amount financed will be \$850,000.00 at an interest rate of 4.65% with an annual payment of \$108,215.70 for 10 years.

The Fire & Rescue Advisory Committee approved the proposal.

Etowah Horse Shoe Fire and Rescue respectfully request the Chairman sign the attached letter to United Financial Services.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter to United Financial Services.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to United Financial Services on behalf of Etowah Horse Shoe Fire & Rescue.*

To be reproduced on County Letterhead

September 2, 2008

United Financial of North Carolina, Inc.  
58 Wilkie Way  
Fletcher, NC 28732

Re: Lease Purchase Agreement between United Financial of North Carolina, Inc., and Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

I am Chairman of the County Commissioners of Henderson County. This letter is to advise you that Etowah Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. is a qualified Volunteer Fire Department assigned to protect a specific Fire District within this County.

In addition, a special ad valorem (fire) tax is assessed on the real property owners of this district. Said tax is to be used exclusively to provide equipment, facilities, and training as is necessary to provide fire protection for said district. Said funds may also be used to upgrade equipment as the need arises. This tax is collected by the County and disbursed by the Finance Office to the Fire Department on a regular basis by the County Finance Officer. The Fire Department is operated and managed by the Board of Directors of the Fire Department and the Officers of said Department. The Department is currently meeting the requirements of their fire service contract.

The Fire Department has made us aware of their intention to acquire new capital assets through a Lease Purchase transaction with your firm.

Please be advised that the County has no objection to this transaction.

Sincerely,

Chairman  
Henderson County Commission