

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.
Tax Exempt Loan Agreement

PRESENTER: Fire Marshal, Wally Hollis

ATTACHMENTS: Draft Letter to United Financial

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the 2014/2015 Budget Meetings of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee, Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department presented a proposal to purchase a new Ladder Truck and consolidate other outstanding loans. The total amount financed will be \$1,333,231.26 at a fixed interest rate of 2.43% with annual payments of \$286,395.82 for 5 years. Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department held a public hearing to discuss the loan agreement on August 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at their department. No tax rate increase will be necessary for this purchase.

The Fire & Rescue Advisory Committee has unanimously recommended approval of the proposal.

Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department respectfully request the Chairman sign the attached letter to United Financial of North Carolina.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter to United Financial of North Carolina.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to United Financial of North Carolina on behalf of Etowah-Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department.

(To Be Reproduced on County Letterhead)

DATE (please date after the department has held their public meeting on August 15, 2014)

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 & Rescue 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 & Rescue 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

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VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Public Hearing
Legal Notice

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Public Law No. 100-647S1013 (a) (24)9A) (1988), the Undersigned will hold public hearing on August 15th, 2014 at 6:00pm at the location of the Undersigned listed below to discuss its acquisition by lease purchase of:

Qty. 1
Description
 New 2014 American LaFrance 75 Ft Ariel Fire Apparatus & Refinance of Remainder of Existing Fire Department's Debt, Dated 5/22/2006 and financial

Arrangements related thereto.

Approximate amount of issue: \$1,333,231.26

All interested persons are invited to attend.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Official Seal at my office in Hendersonville this 30th day of July, 2014.

Kim Sullivan
 Corporate Secretary

Etowah Horse Shoe Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department, Inc. 15 Morgan Road Hendersonville, NC 28739

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