

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: September 5, 2017

SUBJECT: Gerton Fire & Rescue Apparatus Replacement

PRESENTER: Fire Marshal, Kevin Waldrup

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Draft Letter to Home Trust Bank

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the May 16, 2017 Meeting of the Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee, Gerton Fire & Rescue presented a proposal to purchase a 2001 KME Pumper /Tanker, and a 1999 New Lexington Pumper to replace a 1976 Pierce Pumper and a 1986 American LaFrance Pumper.

As part of the budget process the Fire & Rescue Advisory Committee has unanimously approved the purchase of the trucks.

Gerton Fire & Rescue respectfully request the Chairman sign the attached letter to Home Trust Bank.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter to Home Trust Bank.

Suggested Motion:

I move the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to Home Trust Bank on behalf of Gerton Fire & Rescue.

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September 5th, 2017

Home Trust Bank
Post Office Box 10
Asheville, NC 28802-0010

Re: Lease Purchase Agreement between Home Trust Bank and Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc.

Dear Sirs:

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

In addition, a special ad valorem tax (fire tax) is assessed on the real property owners of this district. This tax is to be used exclusively to provide manpower, equipment, facilities, and training as is necessary to provide fire protection for the 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. Gerton Fire & Rescue 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,

J. Michael Edney, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Commissioners