

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: February 6, 2006

SUBJECT: Dana Fire and Rescue Lease Purchase Agreement

ATTACHMENTS: Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee Minutes Excerpt and Draft Letter

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

At the February 8, 2005 Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee meeting, Jimmy Womack Chief of Dana Fire and Rescue presented a proposal to order a new, Emergency-One, Lynx series mini-pumper. The total price of the new mini-pumper is \$179,978.00. Dana will make a down payment of \$20,000, financing the remaining \$159,978 through United Financial at a rate of 4.5% with a yearly payment of \$30,000 for 7 years.

A motion to approve the purchase of the E-One mini-pumper was made by Rick Livingston and seconded by Richard Barnwell. Unanimous approval.

Dana Fire and Rescue respectfully request the Chairman sign the attached letter to United Financial.

COUNTY MANAGER RECOMMENDATION/BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

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

**HENDERSON COUNTY
FIRE AND RESCUE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 8, 2005**

The Henderson County Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee meeting was called to order by LeeRoy Nicholson, Chairman, on February 8, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Marshal's Office. Committee members attending the meeting were LeeRoy Nicholson, Rick Livingston, Chip Gould, Bill Stepp, Richard Barnwell, and David Johnson. Rocky Hyder, Fire Marshal, Wally Hollis, Deputy Fire Marshal, and Cathy Justice, Administrative Assistant attended the meeting along with representatives from the following departments: Valley Hill FD, Dana FD, and Fletcher FD.

Invocation

Richard Barnwell gave the invocation.

Informal Comment

No informal comment.

Business

Bill Stepp made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 26, 2004 meeting as written, seconded by Richard Barnwell, **unanimous approval**.

Dana Fire and Rescue Department - - -

Jimmy Womack made presentation.

Dana Fire and Rescue wants to purchase two trucks. They plan to take the slide-in unit out of Truck 1, which is their brush truck now, and convert it to a high and low angle/water rescue truck. They want to purchase a new truck and install the old slide-in unit and new utility boxes to use it as a brush truck. The purchase price, which includes lettering, is \$48,000. They are also looking into buying an E-One Lynx Mini Pumper, with a price of \$144,000. The equipment needed for outfitting the truck costs an extra \$40,000, for a total of \$184,000. Using the money in the truck fund they can pay cash for the brush truck and put \$20,000 down on the Mini Pumper and finance the remainder. They have already budgeted \$57,000 for a new truck purchase. This is a four wheel drive vehicle and has a six to eight week delivery time. Rick Livingston made a motion to approve Dana's truck purchases, seconded by Richard Barnwell, **unanimous approval**.

Valley Hill Fire and Rescue Department - - -

Tim Garren made presentation.

Valley Hill Fire and Rescue is requesting to purchase a 3500 gallon vacuum tanker. We put in the budget this year to spend \$20 - 25,000 on one of our tankers to refurbish Tanker 7. The tank is not the problem. All the plumbing and the valves are rusted out and leaking. We would like to fix Tanker 7 and keep it and purchase this tanker to add to the fleet until we sell a 1968 Ford

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DATE (please date after the department has held their public meeting on _____)

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

Re: Lease Purchase Agreement between United Financial of North Carolina, Inc. and Dana Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc.

Dear Sirs,

I am Chairman of the County Commissioners of Henderson County. This letter is to advise you that: Dana Volunteer Fire and 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