

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: September 8, 2026

SUBJECT: Surplus and Donation of Ambulance and Stretcher to the Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, Inc.

PRESENTER: Mike Barnett, EMS Manager

ATTACHMENTS: Yes

1. Resolution
2. N.C.G.S. 160A-280
3. Letter of Request from Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc
4. List of Proposed Surplus Property

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

Attached for the Board's consideration is a resolution declaring one (1) ambulance and one (1) stretcher no longer used by Henderson County Emergency Medical Services as surplus property and the donation of the Ambulance and Stretcher to the Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc as allowed by N.C.G.S. 160A-280 to be used for patient care and ambulance transportation.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Staff requests that the Board consider approving the attached resolution declaring the Ambulance and Stretcher as surplus and authorizing the donation to the Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc as allowed by N.C.G.S. 160A-280.

Suggested Motion:

I move that the Board approve the attached resolution declaring the ambulance and stretcher presented as surplus and authorize the donation to the Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc as allowed by N.C.G.S. 160A-280.

**RESOLUTION DECLARING PERSONAL PROPERTY AS SURPLUS
AND AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
BY DONATION**

WHEREAS, Henderson County owns the ambulance and stretcher itemized on the attached Exhibit B, hereinafter referred to as “surplus property,” that is either obsolete or no longer needed for any governmental use by the County; and

WHEREAS, the Henderson County Board of Commissioners is desirous of declaring the ambulance and stretcher as surplus and transferring to the Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc via donation as authorized by N.C.G.S. 160A-280 (Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County to donate said surplus property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Henderson County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The ambulance and stretcher itemized on the attached Exhibit B are hereby declared to be surplus property.
2. Henderson County Emergency Medical Services is hereby authorized to Transfer, by donation, the surplus property described above to the Gerton Fire Department and Rescue, Inc.
3. Henderson County makes no express or implied warranties of merchantability of any surplus property, or part thereof, or its fitness for any particular purpose regardless of any oral statements that may be made concerning the surplus property or any part thereof.

THIS the 8th day of September 2026.

HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BY: _____
William Lapsley, Chairman

ATTEST:

Denisa Lauffer, Clerk to the Board

[OFFICIAL SEAL]

Exhibit A - N.C.G.S. 160A-280

§ 160A-280. Donations of personal property to other governmental units.

(a) A city may donate to another governmental unit within the United States, a sister city, or a nonprofit organization incorporated by (i) the United States, (ii) the District of Columbia, or (iii) one of the United States, any personal property, including supplies, materials, and equipment, that the governing board deems to be surplus, obsolete, or unused. The governing board of the city shall post a public notice at least five days prior to the adoption of a resolution approving the donation. The resolution shall be adopted prior to making any donation of surplus, obsolete, or unused personal property. For purposes of this section a sister city is a city in a nation other than the United States that has entered a formal, written agreement or memorandum of understanding with the donor city for the purposes of establishing a long term partnership to promote communication, understanding, and goodwill between peoples and to develop mutually beneficial activities, programs, and ideas. The agreement or memorandum of understanding establishing the sister city relationship shall be signed by the mayors or chief elective officer of both the donor and recipient cities. (b) For the purposes of this section, the term "governmental unit" shall have the same meaning as defined by G.S. 160A-274(a) and shall include North Carolina charter schools (c) The authority granted to a city under this section is in addition to any authority granted under any other provision of law. (2007-430, s. 1; 2009-141, ss. 1, 2, 3.)

Gerton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue, inc.
4975 Gerton Highway
Gerton, North Carolina 28735
828-243-0411

Date: August 11, 2026

Henderson County Board of Commissioners
Chairman William Lapsley
1 Historic Courthouse Square, Suite 1
Hendersonville, North Carolina 28792

Subject: Request for Donation of Surplus Ambulance and Stretcher

Chairman Lapsley,

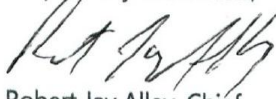
The Gerton Fire & Rescue Department currently operates a 1999 four-wheel-drive ambulance, licensed by the North Carolina Office of EMS at the Basic EMT level. This unit is used primarily for special situations, including inclement weather, periods when other EMS units are unavailable, and circumstances where rendezvousing with a responding EMS unit can significantly reduce response times for critically ill or injured patients.

The Board of Directors of the Gerton Fire & Rescue Department respectfully requests the donation of a surplus Henderson County EMS four-wheel-drive ambulance and a surplus Stryker stretcher. These assets are essential to sustaining our current operational readiness and our ability to adequately serve the residents and visitors of our community.

The Gerton Fire & Rescue Department agrees to assume all costs associated with equipping, maintaining, and insuring the donated vehicle. We also understand and accept that the ambulance and stretcher would be provided in "as-is" condition.

We appreciate your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Jay Alley, Chief
Gerton Fire and Rescue

Exhibit B - List of Surplus Property:

<i>Department</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Make</i>	<i>Model</i>	<i>VIN #</i>	<i>Asset #</i>	<i>Mileage</i>
EMS	2021	Ford	E -550	1FDUF5HT8MED09120	21254	65,473
EMS	2016	Stryker	Power Pro Stretcher	160540416	17604	N/A