



Legislation Text

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TITLE

APPROVE PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) MODULAR AMBULANCE BOXES FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES - COVID-19 CARES FUNDS

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BACKGROUND

Provisions of the CARES Act allow local governments to enhance their preparedness as part of pandemic planning. The County has identified a shortfall in total ambulances available within the fleet to potentially address surge. CARES specifically addresses capacity building for Emergency Medical Transportation, and the additional units will allow staff the necessary time for more thorough decontamination to better protect staff and the public.

These additional units were not budgeted as part of the FY 2019-20 budget.

The chassis for these ambulances are on the Board of Commissioners agenda item for May 21, 2020. The ambulance boxes were competitively bid through Purchasing under event #511 for a price only contract. The contract term was for two (2) years with two (2) one-year renewals. The department bid two (2) box lengths: 157" = \$146,475 and 172" = \$148,246. The department is requesting approval for the purchase of five (5) 157" modular ambulance boxes from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles (located at 1056 NC-194, West Jefferson, NC 28694) to be mounted on owner-supplied chassis at an individual cost of \$146,475, or \$732,375 total. Northwestern Emergency Vehicles is the North Carolina dealer for American Emergency Vehicles (AEV) in Jefferson, NC.

BUDGET IMPACT

Funding included in the CARES Act funds recovery plan.

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve the purchase of five (5) 157" modular ambulance boxes manufactured for use by

Emergency Services from Northwestern Emergency Vehicles (located at 1056 NC-194, West Jefferson, NC 28694). Authorize staff to enter contract amount for the total award of \$732,375 (\$146,475 per unit), and take all necessary actions to execute contract.