



Agenda Action Form Overview

Approval of Contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department for fire, rescue, and first responder services in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.

Background/Justification

The Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department has provided fire, rescue, and first responder services for the Northeast portion of Durham County for approximately 40 years without compensation. On March 9th, 2026, the Durham County Board of County Commissioners voted to approve the creation of the Mangum Fire Protection Service District. This was the first step in creating a contract for fire, rescue, and first responder services in this district. Upon review of neighboring departments, Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department was the only department capable of responding to the citizens within the Service District while maintaining the same ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating of 4. Selection of any other department would have resulted in increased insurance costs and response times.

Policy Impact

The proposed contract is in alignment with current policy and practices for other contracted fire department within Durham County providing fire, rescue and first responder services.

Procurement Background

The proposed contract is a contract for fire, rescue, and first responder services provided by Moriah Fire & Rescue Department in the Mangum Fire Protection Service District. The proposed contract will automatically renew each year thereafter for five (5) consecutive years based on the Durham County Board of County Commissioners annual budget approval.

Type of purchase

- ☐ Goods
- ☒ Services
- ☐ Construction Work

Did this request for purchase go through a bid process? Yes ☐ No ☒

Goods: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$90,000$

Services: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $> \$40,000$

Construction/Repair work: Bids required if $\geq \$30,000$, BOCC approval if $\geq \$500,000$

If yes, attach a copy of bid tab and the minority and women business enterprise (MWBE) compliance review form provided by the Purchasing Division.

If no, why?

- ☒ Sole source exemption



- ☐ Cooperative purchasing program exemption
- ☐ State and federal contract exemption
- ☐ Contract is an amendment to an existing contract
- ☒ Other (please explain)

If exempted from bidding, has this request been reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Division in the agenda Legistar system? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, why?

Fiscal Impact

The proposed contract is funded through taxes levied within the Mangum Fire Protection Service District created by the Durham County Board of County Commissioners on March 9th, 2026. Fore residents of the Mangum Fire Protection Services District, a tax rate of 4 cents was established as part of the FY 2027 budget approval process resulting in \$30,000 of revenue. There is no anticipated Fiscal impact to citizens outside of the Mangum Fire Protection Service District or Durham County.

Contracted Fire Departments submit an annual budget for review by the Office of Emergency Services Fire Marshal Division which may include a proposed increase in taxes. These requests are reviewed and submitted as part of the Office of Emergency Services budget and the county budget process. Requests for a tax increase are presented to the BOCC as part of that process.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the County Manager to execute a contract with Moriah Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department to provide fire, rescue, and first responder services within the Mangum Fire Protection Service District.