

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Demorest Regarding Lease Agreement for 2022 E-One/Spartan Pumper Truck

DATE: March 3, 2026

(X) RECOMMENDATION

() POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

() STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

() OTHER

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: March 16, 2026

PURPOSE: To obtain approval from the Board of Commissioners to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Demorest for the lease, with option to purchase, of a 2022 E-One pumper truck.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

- a. In October 2025, Habersham County and the City of Demorest entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement under which Habersham County Emergency Services provides fire protection services to the City by staffing the existing fire station and operating fire apparatus owned by the City.
 - b. Under that agreement, the City agreed to pay the County \$655,396 annually, with a \$90,000 annual credit applied for five (5) years toward the apparatus.
 - c. At the conclusion of the five-year term, title to the apparatus will transfer to Habersham County.
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FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. The apparatus was purchased new by the City of Demorest in 2022/2023.
 - b. The County's most recent pumper truck purchase cost approximately \$650,000.
 - c. The pumper is currently in service as part of the Habersham County Emergency Services fleet.
 - d. The use of the apparatus and the annual credit arrangement were included in the IGA approved by the Board of Commissioners in October 2025.
 - e. Habersham County is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the apparatus.
 - f. Habersham County is responsible for insurance coverage of the apparatus.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation: Approve the IGA with the City of Demorest for the 2022 E-One pumper lease with option to purchase.
 - 2) Deny recommendation: Deny the IGA with the City of Demorest for the 2022 E-One pumper lease.
 - 3) Commission defined alternative: Provide alternative direction as determined by the Board.
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RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

"I make a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Demorest for the lease, with option to purchase, of the 2022 E-One pumper as part of the Fire Protection IGA, providing a credit of \$90,000 per year for five (5) years, at the end of which title will transfer to the Habersham County Board of Commissioners for \$1.00."

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Jeffrey D. Adams

Director: __

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ADMINISTRATIVE**COMMENTS:**_____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager
