

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Approve purchase of Surplus Fire Equipment from the City of Demorest

DATE: March 3, 2026

☒ (X) RECOMMENDATION

☐ () POLICY DISCUSSION

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ () STATUS REPORT

ANNUAL-

☐ () OTHER

CAPITAL-

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: March 16, 2026

PURPOSE: This request seeks approval from the Board of Commissioners to authorize the purchase of surplus fire department equipment from the City of Demorest. The equipment has been identified as surplus by the city and is available for purchase by the county to support fire department operations.

The proposed purchase includes a variety of essential firefighting equipment such as turnout gear, firefighting boots, helmets, a ventilation saw, a K-12 rescue saw, fire hose, fire nozzles, medical equipment and other related items as detailed on the attached equipment list. These items remain serviceable and will enhance the department's ability to respond to emergency incidents safely and effectively.

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. The equipment is in very good condition, with an age range of approximately 1 to 5 years and remains suitable for continued operational use.
- c. Purchasing this equipment provides the County with the opportunity to retain and utilize equipment that is already in service at the station while avoiding the higher cost of purchasing new equipment.
- d. All the equipment, uniforms, hoses, tools, etc are compliant with NFPA standards.
- e. Any outdated or worn equipment is not included.
- f. The City of Gainesville purchased the SCBA packs and cylinders.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

- a. The list is an inventory of the equipment with the agreed upon price and extended.
 - b. The equipment is needed and saves the county the cost of new equipment.
 - c. The total price is \$75,000 divided by 4 years, starting in January 2027, for time remaining in the original Intergovernmental Agreement from October 2025. Or \$18,750/year credited toward the amount the City of Demorest pays for Fire Protection each year.
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OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve recommendation: Approve the purchase of the surplus fire equipment and gear from the City of Demorest.
- 2) Deny recommendation: Deny the purchase of the surplus fire equipment and gear from the City of Demorest.
- 3) Commission defined alternative: Provide alternative direction as determined by the Board.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

I make a motion to approve the purchase of the surplus fire gear and equipment listed in the attached document for a total of \$75,000.00, to be applied as a credit of \$18,750.00 per year over the four remaining years of the October 2025 Intergovernmental Agreement.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by:

Jeffrey D. Adams

Director: __

Jeffrey D. Adams_____

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS:_____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF HABERSHAM**

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN HABERSHAM COUNTY AND THE CITY OF DEMOREST
FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES**

This First Amendment (the "Amendment") to Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services is made and entered into as of _____, 2026 between **HABERSHAM COUNTY**, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its Board of Commissioners (the "County") and the **CITY OF DEMOREST**, a Georgia municipal corporation, acting by and through its governing authority, the Mayor and City of Demorest City Council (the "City"). The County and the City are individually referred to herein as "Party" and collectively referred to as "Parties."

WHEREAS, the County and City entered into the Intergovernmental Agreement for Fire Protection Services on October 20, 2025 (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement at Section (3)(b) provides that certain equipment to be contributed from the City to the County would be inventoried and a corresponding credit would be calculated and applied to the City's future annual payment obligations; and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced equipment inventory has been completed by the Parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual promises, the public purposes, and the acknowledgments and agreements contained herein, together with other good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1. Exhibit "B" of the Agreement is hereby updated to include the inventoried equipment list, representing gear and equipment being transferred from the City to the County, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B-1."
2. The Agreement is hereby amended to add a new Section (3)(e) to read as follows:
 - e. In exchange for the gear and equipment being transferred from the City to the County as detailed on Exhibit "B-1," the City shall receive a credit towards the annual costs due under the Agreement in the total amount of \$75,000. The credit shall be equally divided and payable over four successive years in the amount of \$18,750 per year beginning with City FY27. Each year's credit shall be further divided equally between the four quarterly payments due in accordance with Agreement, Section (3)(d) which quarterly credit amount will be \$4,687.50.

EXHIBIT B-1

Bay Equipment

- 1 Gear Extractor
- 1 Gear Dryer
- 1 Air Compressor
- 5 ReadyRack Gear Lockers (24x3)

Hose and Nozzles

- 3 Orange 1 ¾ attack line
- 2 Red 1 ¾ attack lines
- 7 Orange 2 ½ attack lines
- 1 Section of Green 5" High-pressure supply hose (Squirrel Tail)

- 1 Piercing Nozzle
- 7 Blue 1 ¾ attack lines
- 2 Forestry lines, yellow 200 ft
- 1 Forestry Nozzle
- 1 attack line 1 ¾ nozzle
- 5 Hose line adapters
- 1 Set of high-rise pack straps and Nozzle (No Hose) Husky brand

Truck equipment

- 1 Hydrant bag with adapters and wrenches
- 2 buckets of foam
- 2 Scoop shovels, Husky brand
- 1 Red handle cable cutter
- 1 Pick head axe
- 1 Flat head axe
- 1 Poly step cribbing block
- 1 Red steel stokes basket
- 1 Roof Hook
- 1 New York Hook
- 1 3-piece Halligan bar
- 1 Sheet rock puller
- 1 Intake Piston Valve
- 1 K-tool kit

Gas Powered Equipment (Tested and are working)

- 1 Honda Inverter generator
- 1 Husqvarna K-12 Saw
- 1 Husqvarna Roof Ventilation Chain Saw
- 1 Sthil MS271 Farm Boss Chain Saw

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Miscellaneous Items

2	Life jackets
1	CO2 extinguisher
5	Rescue Helmets
2	Red jump bags
2	Command board kits
6	Roadway safety vests, red and yellow reflective
2	Swiftwater throw bags
1	Confined space rescue RAM fan
1	Creeper for the bay truck checks
1	Lockout tool, but it is missing the wedge
1	Gas monitor that needs to be tested and calibrated

Turnout Gear

18	Turnout Pants
8	Boots
12	Helmets
12	Turnout Jackets
25	Hoods

Miscellaneous

1	Washing Machine
1	Dryer
2	RIT Packs

Medical Equipment

1	ea	KED
1	ea	SKED
2	ea	Infant BP Cuff
1	ea	Pedi BP Cuff
2	ea	Adult BP Cuff
6	ea	Shears
1	ea	Bandage Shears
1	Adult	CPR Mannequin
1	Pedi	CPR Mannequin
1	Infant	CPR Mannequin
2	ea	O2 regulators
2	ea	New Jump Bags
2	ea	Old Jump Bags
22	ea	Smoke Detectors
3	boxes	Med "Snake" Gloves
7	boxes	Med Gloves
10	boxes	XXL Gloves

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Medical Equipment

9	boxes	L Gloves
9	boxes	XL Gloves
1	ea	Adult BVM
1	ea	Pedi BVM
2	ea	AEDs

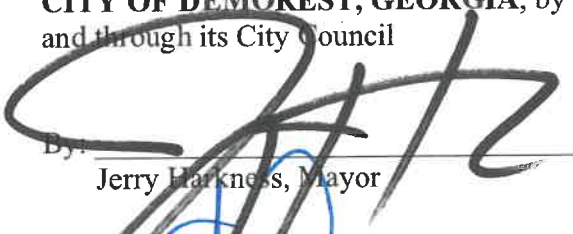
Miscellaneous Fire Equipment

1	Akron 77G	
1	Storz 4"x5"	
1	Double Female 5"	
36	White Chairs	\$21.66
1	Little Giant Ladder	
1	Akron Style 3095	
1	Elkhart ??	
1	Elkhart Brass Nozzle	4000-24
1	Hose Split	0795
1	Elkhart	4000-17
1	Akron Nozzle	17-15
1	Portable Spray Nozzle	963G
1	Elkhart	0101010981
2	Akron EZ-LOK	373

3. Except as specifically set forth in this Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of the Agreement and this Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto, acting by and through their duly authorized officials and officers pursuant to appropriate ordinances and resolutions hereinbefore duly and properly adopted by each, have caused this Amendment to be executed in duplicate counterparts and the official seals of each Party properly affixed, each delivering to the other one of said duplicate counterparts, the day and year first above written.

CITY OF DEMOREST, GEORGIA, by
and through its City Council

By: 
Jerry Harkness, Mayor

Attest: 
Megan Ghastain, City Clerk



HABERSHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA, by
and the Board of Commissioners

By: _____
Bruce Harkness, Chairman

Attest: _____
Brandalin Carnes, County Clerk

[COUNTY SEAL]



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Jeffrey Adams – Director / Chief

Jason Davey – Operations Division Chief



TurnOut Gear	\$26,525.00
Fire Equipment	\$13,748.00
Misc Equipment	\$2,565.00
Bay	\$13,290.00
Washing Machine	\$1,000.00
Dryer	\$1,000.00
Medical Supplies	\$3,104.00
Hoses and Nozzles	\$8,632.00
Power Equipment	\$5,136.00
	\$75,000.00

SCBA Packs

Defer - Sell to Gainesville

Divided over 4 years

\$75,000.00 **\$18,750.00** ✓


3-5-2026

Turnout Gear

18	Turnout Pants	\$625.00	\$11,250.00
8	Boots	\$250.00	\$2,000.00
12	Helmets	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
12	Turnout Jackets	\$625.00	\$7,500.00
25	Hoods	\$75.00	\$1,875.00
12	Extrication Gear	\$175.00	\$2,100.00
		\$26,525.00	

Fire Equipment

1	Akron 77G	\$630.00	\$630.00
1	Storz 4"x5"	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Double Female 5"	\$375.00	\$375.00
6	White Chairs	\$10.83	\$389.00
1	Little Giant Ladder	\$125.00	\$125.00
1	Akron Style 3095	\$288.00	\$288.00
1	Elkhart ??	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Elkhart Brass Nozzle 4000-24	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Hose Split 0795	\$350.00	\$350.00
1	Elkhart 4000-17	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Akron Nozzle 17-15	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Portable Spray Nozzle 963G	\$500.00	\$500.00
1	Elkhart 0101010981	\$500.00	\$500.00
2	Akron EZ-LOK 373	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
1	Countryline SFDC-600AT205	\$300.00	\$300.00
1	Hydrant bag with adapters and wrenches	\$675.00	\$675.00
2	buckets of foam	\$100.00	\$200.00
2	Scoop shovels, Husky brand	\$35.00	\$70.00
1	Red handle cable cutter	\$45.00	\$45.00
1	Pick head axe	\$90.00	\$90.00
1	Flat head axe	\$80.00	\$80.00
1	Poly step cribbing block	\$131.00	\$131.00
1	Red steel stokes basket	\$700.00	\$700.00
1	Roof Hook	\$100.00	\$100.00
1	New York Hook	\$125.00	\$125.00
1	3-piece Halligan bar	\$250.00	\$250.00
1	Sheet rock puller	\$125.00	\$125.00
1	Intake Piston Valve	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
1	K-tool kit	\$200.00	\$200.00
3	RIT Packs	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00
		\$13,748.00	



Miscellaneous Equipment

2	Life jackets	\$40.00	\$80.00
1	CO2 extinguisher	\$200.00	\$200.00
5	Rescue Helmets	\$200.00	\$1,000.00
2	Red jump bags	\$250.00	\$500.00
2	Command board kits	\$100.00	\$200.00
6	Roadway safety vests, red and yellow reflective	\$10.00	\$60.00
2	Swiftwater throw bags	\$20.00	\$40.00
1	Confined space rescue RAM fan	\$200.00	\$200.00
1	Creeper for the bay truck checks	\$35.00	\$35.00
1	Lockout tool, but it is missing the wedge	\$50.00	\$50.00
1	Gas monitor that needs to be tested and calibrated	\$200.00	\$200.00
		\$2,565.00	

Bay

1	Gear Extractor	\$5,000.00	\$4,500.00
1	Gear Dryer	\$4,000.00	\$3,990.00
1	Air Compressor	\$600.00	\$300.00
5	ReadyRack Gear Locker 24x3	\$1,039.95	\$4,500.00
		\$13,290.00	

Medical Equipment

1	ea	KED	\$250.00	\$250.00
1	ea	SKED	\$400.00	\$400.00
2	ea	Infant BP Cuff	\$15.00	\$30.00
1	ea	Pedi BP Cuff	\$15.00	\$15.00
2	ea	Adult BP Cuff	\$15.00	\$30.00
6	ea	Shears	\$5.00	\$30.00
1	ea	Bandage Shears	\$5.00	\$5.00
1	Adult	CPR Mannequin	\$100.00	\$100.00
1	Pedi	CPR Mannequin	\$100.00	\$100.00
1	Infant	CPR Mannequin	\$100.00	\$100.00
2	ea	O2 regulators	\$75.00	\$150.00
2	ea	New Jump Bags	\$200.00	\$400.00

2	ea	Old Jump Bags	\$50.00	\$100.00
22	ea	Smoke Detectors	\$12.50	\$275.00
3	boxes	Med "Snake" Gloves	\$7.50	\$22.50
7	boxes	Med Gloves	\$7.50	\$52.50
10	boxes	XXL Gloves	\$7.50	\$75.00
9	boxes	L Gloves	\$7.50	\$67.50
9	boxes	XL Gloves	\$7.50	\$67.50
1	ea	Adult BVM	\$17.00	\$17.00
1	ea	Pedi BVM	\$17.00	\$17.00
2	ea	AEDs	\$400.00	\$800.00
			\$3,104.00	

Hose and Nozzles

8	Orange 1 ¾ attack line	\$175.00	\$1,400.00
6	Red 1 ¾ attack lines	\$175.00	\$1,050.00
2	Orange 2 ½ attack lines	\$215.75	\$2,589.00
1	Section of Green 5" High-pressure supply hose (Squirrel Tail)	\$250.00	\$250.00
7	Blue 1 ¾ attack lines	\$175.00	\$1,225.00
2	Forestry lines, yellow 200 ft	\$160.00	\$320.00
1	Forestry Nozzle	\$138.00	\$138.00
1	attack line 1 ¾ nozzle	\$250.00	\$250.00
5	Hose line adapters	\$125.00	\$625.00
1	Set of high-rise pack straps and Nozzle (No Hose) Husky brand	\$115.00	\$115.00
1	Piercing Nozzle	\$670.00	\$670.00
			\$8,632.00

Shed List

Gas Powered Equipment (Tested and are working)

1	Honda Inverter generator	\$999.00	\$999.00
1	Husqvarna K-12 Saw	\$2,279.00	\$2,279.00
1	Husqvarna Roof Ventilation Chain Saw	\$1,259.00	\$1,259.00
1	Sthil MS271 Farm Boss Chain Saw	\$599.00	\$599.00
			\$5,136.00

Mark Musselwhite

From: Mark Musselwhite 
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:13 PM
To: Megan Chastain
Subject: Habersham Fire Department

I wanted to bring to your attention the attached comprehensive list of equipment, tools, and supplies that were inventoried by the Habersham County Fire Department. Since they assumed command of our city's fire department, they have meticulously cataloged each item, including the quantity and individual prices, culminating in a grand total of \$75,000.

This amount will be credited to our agreement over the next four years, starting January 1, 2027. To proceed, the Mayor and Council will need to surplus these items if you agree with the provided valuations. Additionally, we need to surplus the items for the Gainesville Fire Department. Upon approval, the city will receive a check for that entire amount.

Please review the attached list and let me know if you have any questions or require further clarification. Your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Mark E. Musselwhite

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