



Baldwin County Commission

Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE

Resolution #2021-036 of the Baldwin County Commission - Act No. 90-449 (Fire Tax) - Bon Secour Volunteer Fire/Rescue Inc. - Approval of Use of Fire Tax Proceeds

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt Resolution #2021-036 of the Baldwin County Commission which provides the Baldwin County Commission's required approval for the Bon Secour Volunteer Fire/Rescue Inc. to utilize its proceeds of taxes derived by Act. No. 90-449 as security for repayment of a loan for up to \$447,200.00 (and the repayment of said loan's applicable interest) for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ferrara MVP Demon (H-6643) fire apparatus in the total amount not to exceed \$559,000.00, to continue to provide a vital service to the ever growing population and the mutual and automatic aid areas; and
- 2) Authorize the Baldwin County Commission Chairman to execute any other necessary documentation related to the adoption of Resolution #2021-036, including any other assurances, certificates and financing documents or approvals to affect such approval and purchase of (1) 2019 Ferrara MVP Demon (H-6643) fire apparatus. This approval does not in any way constitute any financial involvement or obligation of the Baldwin County Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Previous Commission action/date: N/A

Background: The Baldwin County Commission received a written request (see Exhibit A to Resolution #2021-036) from Bon Secour Volunteer Fire/Rescue Inc. on December 21, 2020, asking the Commission for approval for said entity to use its proceeds of taxes derived by Act No. 90-449 as security for repayment of a loan (and the repayment of said loan's applicable interest) to purchase one (1) 2019 Ferrara MVP Demon (H-6643) fire apparatus.

The Baldwin County Fire Chiefs' Association has approved the request by resolution as required (see

Exhibit B to Resolution #2021-036). The amount the Bon Secour Volunteer Fire/Rescue Inc. is expecting to spend for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Ferrara MVP Demon (H-6643) fire apparatus is not to exceed \$559,000.00, of which \$447,200.00 will be financed over a period of 10 years.

BACKGROUND ON ACT NO. 90-449:

In 1990, Act No. 90-449 was adopted by the Alabama Legislature as a Local Act calling for a referendum election on the question of whether or not the qualified voters of Baldwin County desired to levy upon themselves a 1 ½ mill tax on all property for the specific use by the fire departments in the county. The referendum election was held on June 26, 1990, whereby the qualified voters of the county voted in the majority to install the “fire tax.”

Act No. 90-449, specifically sets forth certain requirements of which one remains what the revenue can be spent for by each fire department.

Act No. 90-449, specifically at Section 3, states that revenue derived from the fire tax may be used for the following purposes:

“Section 3. (a) Fire departments which participate in the distribution of tax proceeds shall expend such funds only for the acquisition of fire trucks, fire stations, fire equipment, communications, fire training, fire vehicle and station insurance, oil, gas, hydrants, utilities, and vehicle or station repair. Such funds shall not be used to pay salaries, purchase food or drink, or to hold fund raising projects.

“(b) Any exceptions to the above appending guidelines must be approved by the Baldwin County Fire Chiefs’ Association and the Baldwin County Commission.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Total cost of recommendation: N/A

Budget line item(s) to be used: N/A

If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?
N/A

LEGAL IMPACT

Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?
N/A

Reviewed/approved by: N/A

Additional comments: N/A

ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS

Is advertising required for this recommendation? N/A

If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason: N/A

FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION

For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up: N/A

Individual(s) responsible for follow up: Commission Administration Staff

Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):

Commission Administration Staff - Letter and Resolution to:

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Bon Secour Volunteer Fire/Rescue Inc.
Post Office Box 1
Bon Secour, Alabama 36511

Chief Tony Lovell, President
Baldwin County Fire Chiefs' Association
23100 McAuliffe Drive
Robertsdale, Alabama 36567

Additional instructions/notes: N/A