

Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: David Y. Kissner, Chief of Fire & EMS
DATE: February 17, 2026
SUBJECT: Contract Award, Fire Engine - Pumper

Background

The fire apparatus fleet is currently at a critical point with no reserve, fire engines (pumpers) left to backup frontline apparatus.

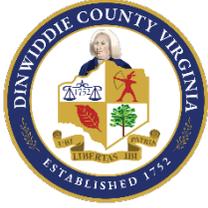
New custom-built fire apparatus are taking 4-years to arrive from the time of order. This backlog of truck orders and extended delivery times are crippling fire apparatus fleets forcing departments to utilize fire trucks past their normal life expectancies. Neighboring fire departments are having similar issues with keeping apparatus in service. None of these departments had a reserve fire engine (pumper) available, with some also looking to purchase something to get them through the apparatus issues. The size of the fire department does not matter; all of these departments are at risk of reducing their fire engine (pumper) capabilities should a failure occur.

Dinwiddie Engine 1 (2007 Pierce Enforcer) is currently out of service for front end and diesel engine related repairs. Current estimate to repair the unit will potentially exceed \$50,000. This fire engine (pumper) is slated to be replaced by one of the two new fire engines (pumpers) that were ordered in 2022. These units will not arrive until late May or early June 2026 with an in-service date of September/October 2026.

Quick breakdown of repair costs for Dinwiddie Engine 1 over the last three years:

2023	\$37,409.31
2024	\$13,922.16
2025	\$45,605.25

The department's current reserve fleet is past recommended service life. Engine 24, the departments only functioning reserve fire engine (pumper) is 34 years old. This fire engine



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has been assigned to Old Hickory, Company 5 to assist us with keeping the unit in service. Engine 44, the department's only remaining reserve engine (pumper) went out of service in 2025 with a diesel motor failure. There are no additional fire engine (pumper) reserves remaining in the Dinwiddie County Fire & EMS fleet should there be an apparatus failure. Reserve fire engine (pumpers) are utilized to replace frontline units when they are sent out for repairs or preventative maintenance.

Fire engine (pumpers) are the backbone of the fire department fleet, these versatile trucks are able to transport firefighters, hose and water to areas where fire tankers cannot reach. Their heavy fire pumps provide the needed fire flow to keep fires in check, while minimizing fire damage when possible. Fire engines (pumpers) with the support of fire tankers provide crucial structural firefighting capabilities within the County of Dinwiddie.

Actions

With the urgent need to replace inoperable and failing equipment, the County looked into purchasing a stock engine instead of a custom-built unit. The County requested and accepted a quote from Matheny Motor Truck Company in the amount of \$765,440 for a Fouts FB-94 Pumper with some upfitting to meet county requirements. This purchase is being sourced through a cooperative contract with Sourcewell. The unit can be road-ready within 60 days from the date of purchase.

The County is requesting that \$787,000 in funds be appropriated from the undesignated funds balance to the CIP – Fire & EMS Apparatus account to cover the cost of the entire project.

Recommendation

We recommend approval of the following resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia does hereby authorize and direct the County Administrator to execute the attached contract with Matheny Motor Truck Company for a fire engine - pumper in the amount of \$765,440 with any changes, substantive or otherwise, as may be approved by the County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, does hereby amend and re-appropriate the FY 2026 budget in the following funds:

General Fund - Transfer to CIP Fund	\$787,000
CIP Fund – Fire & EMS Apparatus	\$787,000