

# FORSYTH COUNTY

## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: AUGUST 6, 2020

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 13

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BEESON CROSS ROADS FIRE & RESCUE, INC., BELEWS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., THE LEWISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., THE PINEY GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., AND UNION CROSS FIRE-RESCUE OF FORSYTH COUNTY, INC., FOR 6 MORE MONTHS BASED UPON THE EXISTING FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND TERMINATING SUCH AGREEMENTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2020**

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS: Recommend Approval

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION: See Attached

ATTACHMENTS:  YES  NO

SIGNATURE:

J. Dudley Watts, Jr. /AMS  
COUNTY MANAGER

DATE: August 06, 2020

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO BEESON CROSS ROADS FIRE & RESCUE, INC., BELEWS CREEK VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., THE LEWISVILLE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., THE PINEY GROVE VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT, INC., AND UNION CROSS FIRE-RESCUE OF FORSYTH COUNTY, INC., FOR 6 MORE MONTHS BASED UPON THE EXISTING FIRE SERVICES AGREEMENTS AND TERMINATING SUCH AGREEMENTS NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**WHEREAS** Forsyth County contracts with volunteer and municipal fire departments to provide fire services in Forsyth County excluding areas within the municipal limits of Kernersville, Rural Hall, Walkertown, King, High Point, and Winston-Salem;

**WHEREAS** these original agreements with volunteer and municipal departments date as far back as 1979 and have been revised and amended to account for changing service areas, changing insurance districts, allowance of personnel payments, and other updates;

**WHEREAS**, on March 19, 2020, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution approving an updated, uniform agreement (“Standard Agreement”) that is consistent with evolving laws, governance of nonprofits, accountability for public funds, and the needs and growth of the County, and the Board authorized the County Manager to execute such Standard Agreement with each of the 16 volunteer and municipal fire departments in Forsyth County that serve County rural fire protection and fire service districts;

**WHEREAS** 11 of the 16 fire departments have executed the Standard Agreement to continue the provision of fire services to the fire tax districts, and 5 departments have refused to execute the Standard Agreement, consisting of Beeson Cross Roads Fire & Rescue, Inc., Belews Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc., The Lewisville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., The Piney Grove Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc., and Union Cross Fire-Rescue of Forsyth County, Inc. (collectively the “5 Departments”); and

**WHEREAS** County staff requests six more months beginning July 1, 2020, to negotiate and execute acceptable agreements with the 5 Departments, and to terminate all current agreements with the 5 Departments no later than December 31, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners that the Chairman, the County Manager, and the Clerk to the Board are hereby authorized to continue to pay, on behalf of Forsyth County, Beeson Cross Roads Fire & Rescue, Inc., Belews Creek Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc., The Lewisville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., The Piney Grove Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department, Inc., and Union Cross Fire-Rescue of Forsyth County, Inc., pursuant to the existing agreement with each department, provided that each such current agreement shall terminate no later than December 31, 2020.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.