

Introduced by: Mayor
Date: 05/03/16
Action: Adopted
Vote: 9 Yes, 0 No, 0 Absent

**KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH
RESOLUTION 2016-026**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SOLE SOURCE ACQUISITION OF TWO FIRE
ENGINES, ONE LADDER TRUCK AND TWO AMBULANCES FOR CENTRAL
EMERGENCY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, on February 2, 2016 bond proceeds in the amount of \$2,795,137.58 were received for the purchase of emergency response vehicles for the Central Emergency Service Area (CES); and

WHEREAS, an apparatus committee of CES employees has diligently reviewed the department's equipment needs and identified specifications for the new vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the total call volume for CES has been increasing an average of seven percent each year; and

WHEREAS, CES urgently needs a new fire engine for the Soldotna station as the main fire engine breaks down so frequently it is out-of-service more than it is in-service, forcing CES to use the ladder truck as the primary fire engine which is more expensive to operate than a fire engine; and

WHEREAS, the second fire engine is needed at the Sterling station as three people are stationed there, the current fire engine only seats two, and the new one will seat four people; and

WHEREAS, the existing fire engine at the Sterling station will replace the aging fire engine at the Kalifornsky Beach station, and funds will be saved by purchasing two fire engines at the same time; and

WHEREAS, it typically takes about one year to receive a new fire engine after an order is placed and CES needs the engines before the next fire season begins in April 2017; and

WHEREAS, a new ladder truck is needed because the existing one is 18 years old and, due to growth and operational requirements, CES needs a 100-foot ladder instead of the 75-foot ladder on the existing truck; and

WHEREAS, CES was scheduled to replace two of its five ambulances three and four years ago but was unable to do so due to the lack of sufficient tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, these two 2002 ambulances have needed extensive and expensive repairs and have had numerous manufacturer recalls, and the remaining three CES ambulances are located at the smaller stations; and

WHEREAS, normal lead time for receiving a new ambulance is six to nine months after an order is placed; and

WHEREAS, CES and Nikiski Fire Service Area (NFSA) have each purchased two ambulances manufactured by Braun Northwest, Inc. through the competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, since 2009 all new fire apparatus put into service by Nikiski Fire Service Area, including a ladder truck, two engines and two tenders, were manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing Incorporated following the competitive bidding process; and

WHEREAS, all of the equipment manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing and Braun Northwest has had exceptional quality and both companies have stood behind their products for warranty and after warranty service when necessary; and

WHEREAS, purchasing this equipment from the same manufacturers in CES and NFSA will improve the coordination of effort between the departments during mutual aid responses as the responders would be familiar with both departments' types of equipment and the equipment is more interchangeable; and

WHEREAS, using these complex pieces of equipment from the same manufacturers is beneficial for the borough as the operation and maintenance of their equipment tends to be consistent, requiring much less training to operate and maintain each new piece of equipment; and

WHEREAS, the commonality of spare parts at both service areas would improve the repair speed of these vehicles; and

WHEREAS, with one manufacturer for fire apparatus, and one for ambulances, both fire service areas can work closely with one service center if a problem is beyond local capacity to handle or involves warranty issues; and

WHEREAS, some of the equipment that CES has purchased in the past following the competitive bidding process has been of lower quality, necessitating earlier replacement than planned, and has also resulted in service interruptions due to mechanical breakdowns; and

WHEREAS, KPB 5.28.280 requires assembly approval of purchases without competition costing more than \$40,000; and

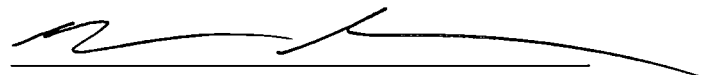
WHEREAS, the administration will use due diligence to obtain the best price for these emergency apparatus;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH:

SECTION 1. That the assembly authorizes the mayor to purchase two fire engines and one ladder truck manufactured by Pierce Manufacturing Inc., and two ambulances manufactured by Braun Northwest Inc. for CES without competition in a total amount not to exceed \$2,600,000.

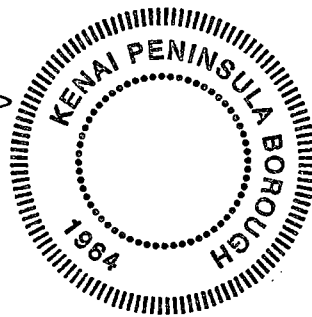
SECTION 2. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH THIS 3RD DAY OF MAY, 2016.


Blaine Gilman, Assembly President

ATTEST:


John Blankenship, MMC, Borough Clerk



Yes: Bagley, Cooper, Dunne, Holmdahl, Johnson, Knopp, Ogle, Welles, Gilman
No: None
Absent: None