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SPLOST FUNDS FIRE VEHICLES

(Lawrenceville, Ga., April 17, 2012) – Sales tax pennies are providing two replacement squad-support vehicles for Gwinnett's Fire and Emergency Services department. Firefighters will use the customized vehicles, built on a standard truck chassis, to bring additional crew and equipment to fire scenes.

Commissioners Tuesday approved a contract with the highest scoring bidder, Southeastern Specialty Vehicles, Inc., for \$445,343. Fire Chief Bill Myers said the price reflects \$1,339 in negotiated savings. Funding comes from the voter-approved special purpose local option sales tax known as SPLOST.

"It makes more sense to use squad support trucks to fill an immediate need rather than take ladder or pumper trucks away from a fire to go get additional resources. These vehicles help us operate more efficiently," added Myers.

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