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GWINNETT'S FIRE DEPARTMENT GETS NEW EQUIPMENT, SERVICES

(Lawrenceville, Sept. 5, 2007) – Gwinnett commissioners on Tuesday approved two packages of new equipment and services primarily for the Fire and Emergency Services department.

Ten new vehicles will include two response sedans, replacement sedans for fire marshals, two light trucks for equipment and personnel transfers, and a one-ton box van for delivering and restocking fire station supplies.

“As we expand the number of stations we operate, we’re finding more efficient ways to manage our warehouse and personnel procedures while improving our response time,” Fire Chief Steve Rolader said.

The Board also extended a contract for construction management services with Jacobs Facilities, Inc. The firm will manage construction next year of several projects including two new fire stations – 29 near Braselton and 30 in the Tribble Mill area – and the relocation of two stations, 18 near Hamilton Mill and 7 near Gwinnett Center in Duluth. This year, Jacobs has provided similar services for construction of fire station 28 near Loganville, relocating Station 1 in Norcross and the new Police Training Facility in Lawrenceville.

“SPLOST programs are providing funding for a number of new public safety facilities right now, and it makes good business sense to outsource the construction management instead of increasing County staff to handle the additional workload,” said Chairman Charles Bannister.

The vehicle purchases will total about \$240,110 and the construction management will cost about \$323,347. Both are fully funded by voter-approved SPLOST sales tax programs.

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