



Chatham County, NC

Legislation Text

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Introduction & Background: The Emergency Operations Center currently receives funding to augment their operating budget due to the additional cost for materials and manpower to support the Harris Nuclear Power Plant. These funds are needed to keep emergency responders, shelters, EOC, etc. up to date on the necessary equipment needed if any emergency should occur.

Discussion and Analysis: We have requested additional funding, through Duke Energy. In conversations it was simpler for their bookkeeping to issue two separate checks for the items needed. One check is for \$50,000, specified for boat purchase and the other check is for \$10,000 and specified for the purchase of laptop computers for the EOC. It is our request to purchase 15 laptop/tablet computers to be utilized in the EOC operations. All procedures and checklist are digitized and the need for each agency to have a computer is a must.

We are needing a boat to assist in emergencies on Jordan Lake. Last fiscal budget year Emergency Operations responded to 33 water incidents. Due to limited manpower Emergency Operations has teamed up with the Sheriff's office to assist with the boat and mobile unit. If the boat is needed Emergency Operations will remain in command and some of the Sheriff's office will be assisting in the search operation. Emergency Operations staff will be cross trained on the equipment to assist if needed. We will also use this boat to check Jordan Dam should any event occur due to this location being a vulnerable area. We will be coordinating with other counties through the domestic preparedness region committee to outfit the boat with a side scan sonar used in water 20 to 30 feet deep, along with a missile sonar which is necessary with water 50 plus feet deep which is in many areas of Jordan Lake. These two devices are imperative when we have drownings in our lakes. In addition, this resource will be used to assist our neighboring counties with their water incidents.

Budgetary Impact: None

Recommendation: Vote on a request to accept a total of \$60,000 from Duke Energy and amend the budget for the purchase of a boat and laptops for the Emergency Operations Center