



Agenda Abstract

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Meeting Date: April 14, 2025
Department: Administration
Agenda Section: Regular
Public hearing: No
Date of public hearing: N/A

PRESENTER/INFORMATION CONTACT

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ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED

Subject: Capital Priority Requests to Federal and State Representatives

Attachments:

1. One page summary: the town's top four public safety and economic development capital priorities requesting assistance from our federal and state representatives in securing funding for these projects
2. Fire Station downtown replacement – Capital Improvement Plan form
3. Hassell Street water tank replacement – Capital Improvement Plan form
4. Cates Creek Sewer Outfall – Capital Improvement Plan form
5. Replace chlorine gas system at water treatment plant – Capital Improvement Plan form

Summary:

The mayor and multiple commissioners have discussed developing a short and focused priority list to seek funding assistance for critical capital needs. This item is an effort to address this interest and provide information the town board can use in approaching Senators Tills, Budd, Rep. Foushee, State Senator Meyer, State Rep. Price, as well as with Central Pines Regional Council, North Carolina League of Municipalities, and other agencies the town relies on for assistance.

Each of the four items address both public safety and economic development capital needs. The attached one-page summary provides an overview of the four needs. More detail is provided in the Capital Improvement Plan summary forms for each item. Staff can provide further explanations and how these projects leverage economic development opportunities while improving public safety. Any state or federal financial assistance that can be provided, for design and/or construction, will make it easier for the town to generate matching funds and reduce cost impacts on tax and water/sewer system customers to get these projects implemented and begin generating a return on investment.

These projects were also selected because there are no funding sources outside of operating revenue currently available or allocated in the financial plan. There are other projects in the Capital Improvement Plan that are also high priorities but many of them have some level of funding beyond tax and rate generated revenue.

Financial impacts:

Potential to leverage funding for key capital needs and reduce tax and rate pressures in the community.

Staff recommendation and comments:

The attached draft summary of capital priorities is the staff's current recommendation.

Action requested:

Direction from the town board on changes and next steps.