
AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor McNeill, Lansing City Council
FROM: Tim Vandall, City Administrator
DATE: November 18, 2024
SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding Pursuant to Interlocal Agreement

Since September, staff has been engaged in negotiations and discussions with High Prairie Township, as well as our partners in Delaware Township, to finalize asset distribution for Leavenworth County Fire District #1. The City of Lansing's valuation relative to the full district accounts for 63.85% of the valuation, while Delaware's valuation amounts to 11.8% of the valuation. High Prairie Township's valuation relative to the rest of the district amounts to 24.35%.

A list of equipment the City of Lansing and Delaware Township would receive is below:

- Station #1 located at 111 East Kansas
- 2017 Pierce Impel Pumper Truck (titled to Delaware Township)
- 2007 E-One Typhoon Pumper Truck
- 2011 Dodge Brush Truck
- 2017 Chevy Silverado One Ton (may be converted to small brush truck in 2025)
- 2024 Ford Expedition Command Vehicle
- 14' John Boat & 20' Trailer & Associated Equipment
- Also note the City will be receiving the Spartan S180 Pumper in mid-2025

In the event of an accident or catastrophic failure to either of the two main pumper trucks, the MOU outlines an agreement for Lansing/Delaware to borrow the 2005 Pumper from High Prairie, to be used only in emergencies. The City would need to ensure the borrowed pumper is properly insured. This would no longer be needed upon delivery of the Spartan.

All parties agree that we will work together to determine ancillary equipment, or items that may need to be removed from one truck to another. There is a general consensus that Lansing/Delaware wants High Prairie to be successful, and vice versa.

While the name and status of High Prairie's future fire protection is still to be determined, the committee felt as long as Lansing and Delaware's assets are protected, and there is an agreement to redraw the boundaries to remove Lansing and Delaware from FD1 (thus eliminating the possibility of double taxation in 2026 and beyond), the committee overall did not object to High Prairie's request to the Board of County Commissioners to remain as Leavenworth County Fire District #1.

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Financial Consideration: Please note in the bottom column of the table, and Section 5, that High Prairie's assets received amount to \$120,151 more than their 24.35% of the assets; thus, upon cash dissolution, the City and Delaware Township would also receive \$120,151 additional cash to be disbursed proportionally amongst Lansing and Delaware. While the final cash amounts may vary slightly, a recent estimate put the figure around \$846,000.

Policy Consideration: These actions are taking place pursuant to Section 10, Paragraph C, Section 2, of the Interlocal Agreement dated June 19, 2003. All assets have been appraised by two separate independent appraisers.

Action: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding Outlining Asset Distribution