



Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

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Agenda Item #

Requested Meeting Date: February 24, 2026

Title of Item: Fire Protection Contracts - Hill City Fire Department

<input type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	Action Requested: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested <input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item <input type="checkbox"/> Information Only
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Submitted by: Kathleen Ryan, County Auditor	Department: County Auditor
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Presenter (Name and Title): Kathleen Ryan, County Auditor	Estimated Time Needed: n/a
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Summary of Issue:

Approve and authorize signatures to the Fire Protection Contract for the Unorganized Towns of 52-25 (Quadna), 52-27 (Shovel Lake) and 51-27 (LeMay) with the Hill City Fire Department.

Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:

Recommended Action/Motion:

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Financial Impact:

Is there a cost associated with this request? Yes No

What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$

Is this budgeted? Yes No *Please Explain:*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands

this 10 day of Feb 2026.

CITY OF HILL CITY

By: [Signature]
Mayor

ATTEST:

[Signature]
City Clerk

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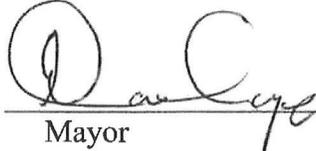
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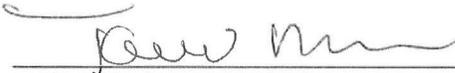
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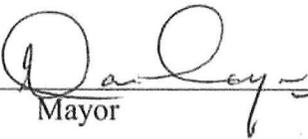
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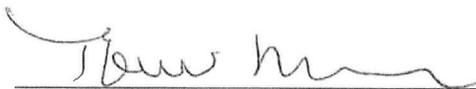
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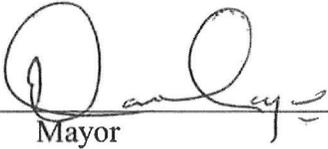
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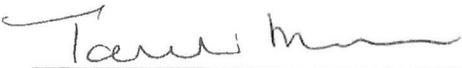
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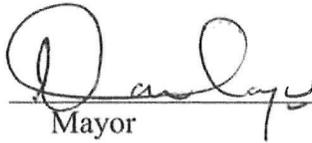
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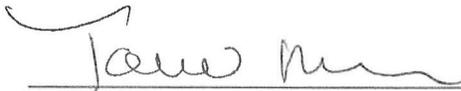
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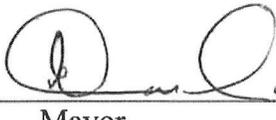
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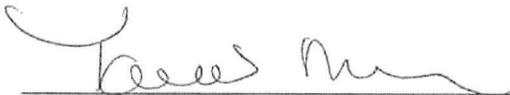
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2026 TOTAL FAIRSHARE AMOUNTS

FIRE DEPARTMENT									
	POPULATION	POPULATION %	2022	2023	2024	3 YR AVE CALLS %	TAX CAPACITY	TC %	POP+CALLS+TC/3
HILL CITY	609	34.98%	6	9	4	42.22%	\$516,939	9.74%	28.98%
HILL LAKE	422	24.24%	5	2	1	17.77%	\$1,016,460	19.04%	20.35%
MACVILLE	168	9.65%	1	1	1	6.66%	\$2,010,663	37.88%	18.06%
SPANG	245	14.07%	2	1	0	6.66%	\$408,205	7.69%	9.47%
WILDWOOD	197	11.32%	1	2	1	8.88%	\$472,730	8.90%	9.70%
52-25 (QUADNA)	25	1.44%	3	0	2	11.11%	\$106,034	1.99%	4.85%
52-27 (SL)	50	2.87%	0	0	2	4.44%	\$114,608	2.16%	3.16%
51-27 (LEMAY)	25	1.44%	1	0	0	2.22%	\$662,096	12.47%	5.38%
TOTALS	1741	100%	19	15	11	100%	\$5,307,735	100%	100%
FIRST RESPONDERS									
	POPULATION	POPULATION %	2022	2023	2024	3 YR AVE CALLS %	TAX CAPACITY	TC %	POP+CALLS+TC/3
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52-27 (SL)	50	3.24%	6	2	0	2.43%	\$114,608	2.37%	2.68%
51-27 (LEMAY)	25	1.62%	0	0	0	0.00%	\$662,096	13.69%	5.10%
TOTALS	1544	100%	108	114	107	100%	\$4,835,005	100%	100%
(WILDWOOD TOWNSHIP IS NOT COVERED BY FIRST RESPONDERS)									
FIRE DEPARTMENT					FIRST RESPONDERS			TOTAL	
HILL CITY	\$23,090.80				HILL CITY	\$2,574.56		\$25,665.36	
HILL LAKE	\$16,214.56				HILL LAKE	\$1,704.96		\$17,919.52	
MACVILLE	\$14,389.92				MACVILLE	\$1,509.78		\$15,899.70	
SPANG	\$7,545.55				SPANG	\$759.62		\$8,305.17	
WILDWOOD	\$7,728.81				WILDWOOD	\$0.00		\$7,728.81	
52-25 (QUADNA)	\$3,864.40				52-25 (QUADNA)	\$166.05		\$4,030.45	
52-27 (SL)	\$2,517.84				52-27 (SL)	\$195.19		\$2,713.03	
51-27 (LEMAY)	\$4,286.70				51-27 (LEMAY)	\$371.44		\$4,658.14	
BUDGET AMOUNT	\$79,678.41				BUDGET AMOUNT	\$7,283.06		\$86,961.47	