5. CAPITAL FUNDING REQUESTS

Attached for your reference, please find three capital funding requests – one from the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad, one from the Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department, and one from the Drewryville Volunteer Fire Department. As you know, beginning in FY 2000, the Board agreed to provide more than $1.2 million over a ten (10) year period for capital improvements for fire and rescue. The allocable share for each fire department in FY 2009 is $14,000 and for each rescue squad, $7,000. Funds are earmarked annually for each department or squad and held in escrow pending specific approval by the Board of Supervisors. Escrowed funds continue to accrue for each department/squad if not drawn down.

The three requests are from:

A. **Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad** – seeking their FY 2009 appropriation of $7,000 to be used to fund debt service on their Rescue Squad Building; and
B. **Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department** – seeking their FY(s) 2007, 2008, and 2009 appropriations totaling $39,000 to assist with purchase of a new brush truck.
C. **Drewryville Volunteer Fire Department** – seeking their FY 2009 appropriation of $14,000 to be used towards the purchase of a new wild land-fire unit.

The attached table indicates the status of capital appropriations since FY 2000. As you can see, all three requests are in order. Through February 16, 2008 we've collectively appropriated $1,082,500 for fire and rescue improvements and are holding in escrow an additional $222,500.

MOTION REQUIRED: **A motion is required to approve the capital funding request(s) of the Courtland Volunteer Rescue Squad in the sum of $7,000, the Newsoms Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of $39,000, and the Drewryville Volunteer Fire Department in the sum of $14,000.**