

**BENTON #3 - LINN #5
BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT**

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FROM; BENTON #3 - LINN #5
BENEFITED FIRE DISTRICT

RE: 2024 ATKINS FIRE STATION PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Benefited Fire District representing the rural areas of Benton and Linn Counties surrounding the City of Atkins requests the Atkins City Council approve and move forward with building the proposed Fire Station project as soon as possible.

The rural area surrounding Atkins depends on the Atkins Fire Department and First Responders for protection of life and property. The men and women that volunteer to respond to calls for help have earned the respect of the rural residents by their dedication and bravery.

The timeline being considered will mean five (5) years working out of temporary facilities and the extra work that has been placed on the Department. During this time period the number of calls that the volunteers are responding to has increased substantially. It is in the best interest of the volunteers and of the people that they serve to approve and move forward as quickly as possible with a permanent modern Fire Station that will meet the needs of the entire community into the future.

The Rural Fire District will continue to support the Atkins Fire Department and First Responders with a Tax Rate Levy that is the highest allowed by the State of Iowa.

On behalf of the Fire District Board;
Allan Schanbacher - Chairman
Jim Keiper - Treasurer
Mike Deklotz - Secretary

Thank you for your consideration.



Mike Deklotz - Secretary