

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: February 17, 2009

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To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Benjamin H. Pingree, County Administrator
Cleve Fleming, Public Works Project Director

Subject: Request Board Approval of a Budget Amendment to Reallocate Funding
from Three Smaller Pieces of Equipment to Purchase a Mini Excavator

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board approval of a budget amendment to reallocate funding set aside for two tractors and a pozie track mower to purchase a mini excavator.

Background:

The purchase of equipment for the Road and Bridge Department is paid for out of the two cents local option gas tax. The FY08-09 Capital Improvement Budget for Fund 160-Road Department, set aside \$16k for a front end loader, \$10k for a yard loader, and \$27k for a pozie track mower. Since the budget requests were made, it has been determined that the need for a mini excavator far exceeds the need for the other items.

Analysis:

The purchase of a mini excavator will be more functional for culvert installation, road repairs, and construction projects. Researching the prices of mini excavators shows that an acceptable one can be purchased for the exchange amount of \$53k. A formal bid for the purchase of this equipment will go out with the approval of the budget amendment by the Board.

Options:

1. Approve the budget amendment to reallocate funding to purchase a mini-excavator.
2. Do not approve the budget amendment to reallocate funding to purchase a mini-excavator.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment