

Board of County Commissioners

Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: March 1, 2010

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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 Consideration and Approval of a Budget Amendment for \$33,813 for Public Works to Purchase a 2011 Ford F-250, 4 Wheel Drive, Four Door Crew Cab

Statement of Issue:

This agenda item requests Board consideration and approval for the purchase of a 2011 Ford F-250, 4 Wheel Drive (4WD), from Duval Ford in Jacksonville, Florida at the purchase price of \$33,813 to assist the Public Work's Road and Bridge Department.

Background:

The Public Works Department was allotted \$33,813 for the purchase of a vehicle in the F/Y 2010 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The selected model is suitable for the Wakulla County terrain (4WD) and is being requested primarily due to its crew cab with four doors. This vehicle will allow up to six men to travel to a job site with one vehicle as an alternative of two or three and will be beneficial in day to day operations preserving the life of other vehicles already purchased.

Analysis:

If approved, the vehicle will be purchased through the Florida Sheriff's Association, Florida Association of Counties and Florida Fire Chiefs' Contract #09-17-0908. This contract, which is updated on an annual basis, is used by many other counties and departments throughout the state to make similar purchases.

Duval Ford, located in Jacksonville, Florida won the Sheriff's Contract bid (Attachment #2). Additionally, Tallahassee's All American Ford Dealership was contacted for a quote in which they would not honor the Sheriff's Contract price and quoted the vehicle for \$37,949.28 (Attachment #3).

The Public Works Department considered the environmental responsibility and energy efficiency when researching vehicle options in an effort to conserve energy and reduce fuel emissions. Presently, there is nothing available in hybrids. A diesel engine was chosen over a gas engine since it has higher fuel efficiency, a longer life expectation, and lower emissions. Staff anticipates a cost savings to the County in replacement costs as well as less fuel consumption.

The purchase of this vehicle was budgeted through the FY 2010 CIP budget for \$33,813; however funds were not designated in the operating budget Fund 160. Therefore, a budget amendment is required to transfer \$33,813 from the Gas Tax Reserve Account (#160-7000-01-541-5990) (not the main County Reserve) into Machinery and Equipment Account (#160-7000-01-541-5640) (Attachment #1). Staff is requesting the Board to approve the budget amendment for \$33,813 to purchase a 2011 Ford F-250 truck from Duval Ford in Jacksonville, Florida to assist the Public Work's Road and Bridge Department.

Options:

1. Approve the Budget Amendment for \$33,813.00 for the Public Works Department to purchase a 2011 Ford F-250 truck.
2. Do not approve the Budget Amendment for \$33,813.00 for the Public Works Department to purchase a 2011 Ford F-250 truck.
3. Board Direction.

Recommendation:

Option #1

Attachments:

1. Budget Amendment
2. Vehicle quote from Duval Ford located in Jacksonville, Florida
3. Vehicle quote from All American Ford located in Tallahassee, Florida