

# Board of County Commissioners

## Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: May 19, 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 to Purchase a Tractor/Mower for Right-Of-Way Mowing

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### **Statement of Issue:**

This agenda item requests Board approval to purchase a tractor/mower for right of way (ROW) mowing.

### **Background:**

The current tractor/mower being used is twenty-one years old. In the past 12 months reliability has become a serious issue with this machine. Several break downs have resulted in extended down time which puts the Road & Bridge Department behind on ROW mowing and in the Spring and Summer months it becomes almost impossible to catch back up.

The new Challenger Tractor and Landpride Mower will be purchased off of the Florida Sheriff's & Florida Association of Counties Contract Bid Number 08-16-0908 from Ring Power of North Florida. This is a diesel powered tractor and a heavy duty 15' PTO driven mower deck designed to stand up to the rigors of continuous ROW mowing and should have an expected service life of 15-20 years which is comparable to the previous tractor/mower.

Equipment for the Road and Bridge Department is paid for out of the two cents sales tax. Public Works requested \$60,000.00 for a tractor and bush cutter in their 08-09 CIP requests (160-0200-541-647). Actual funds now needed, based on the Florida Sheriff's & Florida Association of Counties Contract is \$68,297.00. The additional funds needed (\$8,297) is available in the 2 cents local gas tax reserve (160-0200-541-990).

### **Analysis:**

Staff is requesting approval to purchase the tractor/mower in order to allow more time to be spent on cutting right of ways and less time spent waiting on repairs to be made to an older tractor.

### **Options:**

1. Approve the purchase of a tractor/mower.
2. Do not approve the purchase of a tractor/mower.
3. Board direction.

### **Recommendation:**

Option #1