

Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

Date of Meeting: January 3, 2012

Date Submitted: December 19, 2011

To: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Board

From: Arthur Lawson, Sr., Interim County Administrator
Tommy Baker, EMS Director

Subject: Approval to seek Quotes for Financing Ambulance Purchase(s)

Statement of Issue:

This item seeks Board approval to research financing options for replacing high mileage ambulances.

Background:

EMS is experiencing an excessive number of vehicle breakdowns due to the age and condition of the fleet. The following is a summary of the vehicles within the fleet listing year model and mileage:

#	Year	Mileage	Model	Make
1	2009	144,273	3500HD	Chevrolet
2	2008	175,600	3500HD	Chevrolet
3	2005	137,522	F450	Ford
4	2007	251,524	3500	Chevrolet
5	2003	270,093	F350	Ford
6	2009	114,725	3500HD	Chevrolet
7	2006	147,725	E350	Ford
8	2006	300,174	3500	Chevrolet
9	2008	195,116	3500HD	Chevrolet
10	2008	188,230	3500HD	Chevrolet

Analysis:

EMS has experienced multiple vehicle breakdowns with ambulances. Leon County Board of County Commissioners recently donated 3 ambulances units to Gadsden County for the purpose of remounting to a new chassis to assist us with upgrading our fleet.

With a fleet size of 10 vehicles, it necessitates the purchase/remount of a minimum of two units per year to accomplish a 5 year vehicle rotation. Due to a 16 week turnaround time on the chassis from Chevrolet, it is estimated that even with immediate purchase of these vehicles; units will not be completed and placed in service until May 2012. Due to the age and current condition of the fleet, staff is researching options to accelerate this replacement schedule.

Fiscal Impact:

No capital outlay funds were budgeted for equipment purchase in this fiscal year and no transfer was budgeted from General Fund for the EMS operations budget.

Options:

1. Approval for staff to seek quotes for financing replacement of high mileage ambulances and bring options back to the Commission for consideration.
2. Board direction

County Administrators Recommendation:

1. Option 1

Attachment:

1. None