

## REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

### HENDERSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**MEETING DATE:** April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Purchase of used Communications Vehicle

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** Yes  
(1) Vehicle Summary  
(2) Budget Amendment

#### SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

As part of the radio system communications project staff have included a “Field Communications Vehicle” as a long-term project goal. This vehicle would be used to transport the County’s cache of disaster communications equipment as well as serve as a facility for field communications. This vehicle would work in conjunction with other assets such as the Sheriff’s Office Command Bus. It would be more mobile and able to be used in smaller areas, such as the recent search in Big Hungry.

During 2023, Emergency Management secured a surplus cargo van from the Sheriff’s Office for this purpose. The van, with over 200,000 miles will require extensive outfitting of cabinetry, wiring, power, heat and air conditioning. It is estimated the upfitting will cost approximately \$20,000. Staff recently located a surplus National Guard communications truck, being sold by an individual for \$31,500.00. After extensive discussions between the owner and members of our Field Communications Team we feel this vehicle would be better suited for our purpose. The vehicle has considerably fewer miles (32,820) and has recently had a complete mechanical evaluation and service. Surplus funds from the fire services radio system maintenance contract renewal are available to fund the proposed purchase. Outfitting of the vehicle will be done by members of the Field Communications Team. The existing cargo van would remain available for transporting supplies to incident scenes and other logistical support needs.

Staff is requesting the Board authorize Staff to negotiate the purchase of the communications vehicle for \$31,500.00 and complete the necessary budget amendment for the transaction.

#### BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Board is requested to approve the purchase of a used communication vehicle for \$31,500 and authorize the Emergency Services Director to execute the necessary budget amendment for the transaction.

#### **Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board approve the purchase of a used communication vehicle for \$31,500 and authorize the Emergency Services Director to execute the necessary budget amendment for the transaction.*

*Henderson County Emergency Services*

**Used Field Communications Vehicle Overview**

Originally a National Guard Civil Support Team Communication Truck. The radios have been removed but all other systems remain intact and functional. The County has radios available to install in the truck.

Make: 2006  
Model: GMC 2500, 7.2-liter Caterpillar Diesel  
Box Mfr: Wolf Coach – Defiant  
Mileage: 32,820  
Price: \$31,500 (Currently these vehicles sell new for over \$368,000+ on government contracts.)

Includes: Emergency lights, equipment racks & cabinets, 15kW generator, 3kw inverter.

Vehicle would be used as a deployable field communications vehicle and command post for smaller incidents or more remote areas. Would work in conjunction with the HCSO Command Bus or Command Post Tent Systems as an incident expands. It will have radio, cellular and satellite communications capability.



**LINE-ITEM TRANSFER REQUEST  
HENDERSON COUNTY**



**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Management \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make the following line-item transfers:*

**What expense line-item is to be increased?**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Line-Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<u>115434-598040</u>	<u>Transfer to Capital Projects Fund</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>
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<u>405400-553000-5530</u>	<u>Capital Outlay-Vehicles</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>
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_____	_____	<u>\$63,000</u>

**What expense line-item is to be decreased? Or what additional revenue is now expected?**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Line-Item Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<u>404400-403500-5530</u>	<u>Transfer from General Fund</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>
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<u>115434-539000</u>	<u>Contracted Services</u>	<u>\$31,500</u>
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_____	_____	<u>\$63,000</u>

**Justification:** *Please provide a brief justification for this line-item transfer request.*

Surplus funds from Fire Services radios systems maintenance contract reallocated to EM for the purchase of a used field communications vehicle. BOC approved 4.1.24

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Authorized by Department Head

4/1/2024  
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Date

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Authorized by Budget Office

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Authorized by County Manager

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