

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Troy J. Knudson
INITIATED BY



7/6/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing Letter of Intent to Purchase Nine (9) Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office Fleet

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has had a squad replacement policy in place for many years; and,

WHEREAS, the squad replacement policy, primarily based on mileage and age of the vehicle, determines the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the requests for the Sheriff's Office 2023 budgeted fleet vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office proposed 2023 budget contains eight Chevrolet Tahoe squads and one Chevrolet Tahoe K9 squad; and,

WHEREAS, due to vehicle supply issues, prolonged delivery dates, short and immediate ordering timeframes, and significant price increases of vehicles, as well as the increased changeover costs associated with new vehicles, the need to preorder vehicles has become an immediate necessity. The anticipated delivery of these preordered vehicle would be 2023, possibly early 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been advised by Administration, that in order for the Sheriff's Office to obtain the nine vehicles for the 2023 budget, the Letter of Intent committing funds from the 2023 budget is required. This Letter of Intent would increase the possibilities of the Sheriff's Office receiving the necessary nine squad vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, if this commitment is not made, the Sheriff's Office has been advised by the Awarded State Contractor, Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, that the vehicles being requested would not be available, and the opportunity to order vehicles would be closed until mid-2024.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 14th day of July 2022, does hereby approve and authorize a Letter of Intent be drafted to commit 2023 budget funding in the estimated amount of \$440,235 for the purchase of nine (9) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office fleet.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funds for the purchase of these vehicles will need to be included in the 2023 budget.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 & 59.51, Wis. Stats.

Bridget Laurent
Deputy Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Zoril was absent.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Sheriff's Office has had a squad replacement policy in existence for several years. This replacement policy was implemented due to the fact that squad cars begin to experience expensive maintenance issues after 100,000 miles, causing an increase in the vehicle maintenance costs and jeopardizing officer safety.

Due to vehicle supply issues, prolonged delivery dates, short and immediate ordering timeframes, significant price increases of vehicles, as well as the increased changeover costs associated with new vehicles, the need to preorder vehicles has become an immediate necessity. The anticipated delivery of these preordered vehicle would be 2023, possibly early 2024.

The Sheriff's Office was notified by Ewald Motors, in May that the window of opportunity to purchase 2023 Tahoes was open for a 24-hour period. Emergency authorization was given by the County Administrator, and the order for nine Tahoes was placed. Two days later, Ewald Motors notified the Sheriff's Department that we were going to receive one, possibly two Chevrolet Tahoes. This creates a need to seek other types of squad vehicles. The window to order any 2023 Ford Explorers will be open in August, but the timeframe to order will be extremely short. Delivery of any vehicles purchased under this Letter of Intent would in 2023, possibly 2024.

In the event the Letter of Intent is not obtained, The Sheriff's Office would be unable to purchase the necessary vehicles to maintain current fleet standards. This would also create a catastrophic disruption in the squad replacement policy, whereby the budget line for Repair and Maintenance of Vehicles would be negatively impacted, as well as officer safety.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking County Board Approval to have drafted a Letter of Intent to commit 2023 budget funding in the estimated amount of \$440,235 for the purchase of none (9) squad vehicles. None of the proposed requested funds would be expended before official adoption and approval of the 2023 Budget.

The Sheriff's Office proposed 2023 Budget lists the following:

Quantity	Make/Model	Price
8	Chevrolet Tahoe Squads	\$386,040
1	Chevrolet Tahoe K9 Squad	\$54,195
Total		\$440,235