

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Curtis N. Fell
Supervisor Whitledge
INITIATED BY



4/11/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Authorizing a Letter of Intent to Purchase Eleven (11) 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 2024 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the requests for the Sheriff's Office 2024 budgeted fleet vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office proposed 2024 budget will contain seven Chevrolet Tahoe squads and four Ford F-150 Squads; 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 vehicles would be early to mid-2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has been advised by the Administration that in order for the Sheriff's Office to obtain the eleven vehicles for the 2024 budget, the Letter of Intent committing funds from the 2024 budget is required. This Letter of Intent would increase the possibilities of the Sheriff's Office receiving the necessary eleven 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 opportunity to order vehicles will be limited if not impossible if orders are placed in November of 2023. The ordering process has changed to pre-order time slots, which are an extremely short, due to state-wide agency demand.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this 27th day of April 2023, does hereby approve and authorize a Letter of Intent be drafted to commit 2024 budget funding in the estimated amount of \$506,868 for the purchase of eleven (11) vehicles for the Sheriff's Office fleet.

FISCAL NOTE:

If the resolution is approved, funding for the vehicles would need to be included in the 2024 budget.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to §§ 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats. In addition, § 59.52(29), Wis. Stats., requires the project to be let to the lowest responsible bidder.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended. Given the issues noted in the resolution, pre-ordering is necessary in order to receive vehicles in 2024. The amount included in this resolution is about 25% higher than the amount anticipated at this time last year as shown in the 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). This increase is in part due to inflation and supply chain, including the need to purchase more costly vehicles as squads due to vehicle availability. As has been the case for several years now, the recommended 2024 budget will likely fund these purchases with sales tax.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety & Justice Committee

Supervisor Zoril moved to amend the resolution to strike Sheriff Fell's, name from the "Initiated by" line and insert "Supervisor Whitledge," second by Supervisor Knudson. Public Safety & Justice Committee recommended this amended resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisor Bomkamp was absent.