

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Sheriff Curtis N. Fell
INITIATOR



6/18/2024
DATE SUBMITTED

Supervisor Barbara
Tillman
SPONSOR

***Authorizing a Letter of Intent to Purchase Ten (10) Vehicles for the Sheriff's Office Fleet**

1 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office has had a squad replacement policy in place for many years; and,
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 3 **WHEREAS**, the squad replacement policy, primarily based on mileage and age of the vehicle,
 4 determines the 2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the requests for the Sheriff's Office 2025
 5 budgeted fleet vehicles; and,
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 7 **WHEREAS**, the Sheriff's Office proposed 2025 budget includes nine (9) Chevrolet Tahoe squads and
 8 one (1) Ford F-150 squad, in the total amount of \$579,355.00; and,
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 10 **WHEREAS**, since budget year 2022, the Sheriff's Office has been pre-ordering squad vehicles from the
 11 Awarded State Contractor, Ewald Motors of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. Due to Law Enforcement
 12 vehicle supply issues, pre-orders need to be placed with the vendor during a specified timeframe. For the
 13 budget year 2025, this timeframe begins approximately June 30, 2024, and remains open for only a short
 14 period of time. This Letter of Intent would increase the possibility of the Sheriff's Office receiving the
 15 necessary ten squad vehicles needed to continue the squad replacement policy; and,
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 17 **WHEREAS**, without this Letter of Intent to commit funds for the 2025 budget, the opportunity to order
 18 Sheriff's Office vehicles will be difficult. It has become the annual practice of law enforcement
 19 agencies to pre-order their squad vehicles, and will most likely become general practice in the future;
 20 and,
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 22 **WHEREAS**, all pre-ordered vehicles included under this Letter of Intent would be received during
 23 2025. None of the proposed requested funds would be expended before official adoption and approval of
 24 the 2025 budget.
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 26 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
 27 assembled this 27th day of June, 2024 does hereby approve and authorize a Letter of Intent be drafted to
 28 commit 2025 budget funding in the estimated amount of \$579,355.00 for the purchase of nine (9) Tahoe
 29 squads and one (1) Ford F-150 squad vehicle for the Sheriff's Office fleet.

FISCAL NOTE:

Funding for these vehicles would need to be included in the 2025 budget. Source of funds is undetermined.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 59.01 & 59.51. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 59.52(29) and RCCO § 2.224, the purchase of public works, or supplies over \$25,000 must

be awarded to the lowest, responsible bidder. Pursuant to RCCO § 2.221, purchases over \$100,000 must be approved by the Board of Supervisors by resolution.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

If this resolution is approved, I would take this action as direction to include this amount in the 2025 recommended budget. I would recommend it be funded with sales tax proceeds.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

Public Safety & Justice Committee

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

