COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire & Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Allen McCullough/Thomas Bartlett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 10, 2009	Type of Request:	Old Business

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's recommendation to accept the proposal from Peach State Ambulance for the replacement of an ambulance damaged in an accident at a cost of $147,619 plus $2,000 for lettering and installation of two radios.

Background/History/Details:

Earlier this year, the Board approved the replacement of the ambulance housed at Fire Station 2 on Highway 92 North. The unit was involved in an accident and repair estimates exceeded the value of the unit. Although this ambulance was originally scheduled to be replaced in the FY 09 Budget, large purchases were curtailed because of the uncertain economic conditions. Following the accident, staff came before the Board to ask its consideration to replace the unit. Because of its age, condition, and repair estimates, the Board granted permission for staff to move forward with soliciting bids/proposals for its replacement. Estimates were stated to be $150,000-200,000 for a new ambulance and its auxiliary equipment.

Three bids were received. Staff is recommending that Peach State Ambulance be awarded the bid.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to award the purchase of a Chevrolet Wheeled Coach ambulance to Peach State Ambulance at a total cost of $147,619, including warranty and auxiliary equipment, with an additional $2,000 approved for radios and graphics.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funding is in the Vehicle Replacement Fund.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	Yes	If so, when?	Thursday, June 25, 2009
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Finance	Yes	Reviewed by Legal	Yes
Approved by Purchasing		Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes:

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To: M. Allen McCullough, Public Safety Director

From: Thomas F. Bartlett, Deputy Fire Chief TFB

Date: August 31, 2009

Re: Medic Unit - Proposal No. 720

Purchasing opened proposals for a replacement medic unit on August 28, 2009 for the replacement for the unit damaged in the vehicle accident. This proposal was requested to obtain information on units that the vendors and dealers had available for delivery within 90 days or less. The following units are currently available:

Firefighting Innovations	Braun - Freightliner	$185,370
Peach State Ambulance	Wheeled Coach - Chevrolet	$141,676
Custom Truck	Custom - Excalibur	$141,580

After review of the proposals and the specifications for each, all three would meet the department needs at this time.

The recommendation for this purchase is for the Wheeled Coach offered by Peach State Ambulance. This unit is available within 30-45 days, the service center is in Tyrone should additional service be required during the life of the unit, and this unit has a lifetime warranty on the electrical system. Above the base bid the following items should be added:

Cabinet over the squad bench	$ 615
Side entry door step	$ 555
Oxygen bracket electric lift	$1,778
48 Month/100,000 mile warranty	$2,995

Allowances for lettering and graphics and the installation of two radios from the vehicle replacement schedule will be $2,000.

The department is requesting approval for a total purchase price of $147,619 and $2,000 for allowances.

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To: Fire Chief M. Allen McCullough

From: Deputy Fire Chief Thomas F. Bartlett

Date: May 27, 2009

Subject: Vehicle Accident Damage
Fleet Number 93109 (Medic 2), VIN Number 1GBG6H1C3XJ108903

Medic 2 was transporting to Atlanta Medical Center on May 2, 2009 when damage occurred from a vehicle crash. The vehicle sustained front-end damage, damage to the hood, and extensive damage to the patient module.

Through communications with the Marshal's Department, Traveler's Insurance was contacted to assess the damage. The following information was provided.

Value Pre Crash	-	$9,000
Repair Estimate Peach State Ambulance	-	$28,000
Insurance Deductible	-	$25,000

Based on this information I recommend we request this unit be replaced through the replacement schedule, that immediate authorization to proceed with the bid process be granted, and a claim filed with insurance, or the unit be sold via internet or auction.

Specifications for a replacement are ready to send to the Purchasing Department. The specifications are written to request information on units that are demonstrators or currently in production that meet our needs. At this time we are without a reserve unit to provide coverage should any unit have extended down time.

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To: Mary S. Holland

From: Ted L. Burgess TB

Date: September 2, 2009

Subject: Replacement of 1999 Chevrolet Ambulance, VIN 108903

Authorization to replace a 1999 Chevrolet Ambulance, VIN 1GBG6H1C3XJ108903, was given by the BOC agenda of 9/3/2008, item A under "Old Business." EMS was given approval to proceed with bid specifications for a new ambulance. There was $200,000 in the FY 2009 budget for this replacement.

On 5/2/2009 the ambulance was involved in a one-vehicle accident. The cost to repair was estimated to be $28,000 but the vehicle's value was set at only $9,000. Since the value was well below the insurance deductible of $25,000 no claim was submitted for payment.

The 6/25/2009 consent agenda contained an item #3, which said, "Approval of staff's requests to replace Medic Unit 2 which was totaled in an accident in May." This consent agenda item had been needed to obtain approval to dispose of the wrecked ambulance. The backup memo from Tom Bartlett to Allen McCollough had included a recommendation that "the unit be sold via internet or auction."