COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire & Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	M. Allen McCullough/Thomas Bartlett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 24, 2009	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's request to replace chassis for Squad 4 and recommendation to award Bid No. 717 Crew Cab & Chassis in the amount of $29,099 to Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc.

Background/History/Details:

Board approval is requested to replace the chassis on Emergency Vehicle #23143, a 2003 Ford F-350. This unit has been out of service since May and needs a complete engine change due to an internal failure. Due to the cost estimate for engine replacement and the current mileage on this chassis both Fleet Maintenance and Fire/EMS recommend chassis replacement with the remounting of the existing body. The body was replaced about 8 months ago. The Purchasing Department solicited proposals and received 5 responses. Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury is being recommended although their bid is $154 more than the low bidder. This is because the low bidder made a substitution in the type of wheel covers requested in the specifications. This vehicle has 87,000 miles on it and was scheduled for total replacement at 100,000, approximately a year from now.

Staff believes that if the engine is simply replaced, other critical problems could still arise, causing the cost of repairs/upgrades to exceed the amount requested to replace the entire chassis.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to replace chassis for Squad 4 and provide funding of $29,099 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund and award Bid No. 717 Crew Cab & Chassis to Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln Mercury, Inc. in the amount of $29,099.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Approval for funding $29,099 from the Vehicle Replacement Fund is requested.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
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	
Approved by Purchasing		Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes: