## \*\*\*\*\*AT THIS TIME THE BOARD DISCUSSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN\*\*\*\*

## ORDER: APPROVE CORRECTION OF EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF CARS FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO FOUR 2022 FORD EXPLORER PURSUITS

Motion was made by Brent Larson, duly seconded by Larry Gillespie, to approve correction of emergency purchase of cars for Sheriff's Department to four 2022 Ford Explorer Pursuits.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President, Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

Mike Roberts, President Board of Supervisors Sherry Wall Chancery Clerk



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## Memorandum

To:

Supervisors

From:

Lisa Carwyle

Date:

August 9, 2022

Subject:

**Emergency Purchase** 

I'm recommending an emergency purchase of five pursuit vehicles for the Sheriff's Department. Due to the national shortage of microchips for vehicles, dealerships do not have enough inventory.

We've had two dealers cancel orders on state contract for these vehicles. Other dealers currently listed on state contract can not honor the delivery of the vehicles. There are forty-nine deputies, with a current fleet of twenty-nine vehicles, many have constant mechanical issues.

Due to the increase in population in Lafayette County and the increased need of deputy presence, the department is in desperate need of additional vehicles. According to my research the auto industry does not expect to recover from the shortage during 2022, dealers we have spoken to are also confirming this.

Kirk Auto has one 2021 Dodge Charger Pursuit for sale for \$28,500.00 and four 2022 Ford Explorer Pursuits for \$39,382.00 each. It is impossible to find two quotes due to the no availability from other dealerships.

It would be detrimental to the County and the Sheriff's Department if we were unable to purchase any vehicles during this fiscal year. In order to property patrol and respond to Sheriff Department calls, I recommend the emergency purchase of five pursuit vehicles from Kirk Auto.

The Board previously approved an emergency purchase in March (see attached) for four 2021 Ford Explorer pursuits, but those became unavailable, so this memo is to request the emergency purchase of four 2022 Ford explorer pursuits. The previous purchase order will be voided and a new one issued for the 2022 model year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.