

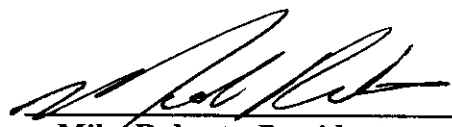
**ORDER: AUTHORIZE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF THREE 2023 DODGE RAM 1500 - \$42,450.00, TWO 2023 DODGE RAM 1500 - \$45,145.50, FOUR 2023 DODGE RAM 3500 - \$66,268.00 A TOTAL OF \$482,713.00, FROM VOYLES CDJR OF BIRMINGHAM
FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT**

Motion was made by Larry Gillespie, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to authorize emergency purchase of 3- 2023 Dodge Ram 1500-\$42,450.00, 2- 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 - \$45,145.50, 4 – 2023 Dodge Ram 3500 - \$66,268.00 a total of \$482,713.00 from Voyles CDJR of Birmingham for the Road Department.

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 16th day of October, 2023.



Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk



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Lisa Carwyle
County Administrator

Memorandum

To: Supervisors

From: Lisa Carwyle

Date: October 16, 2023

Subject: Emergency Purchase

I recommend the emergency purchase of nine trucks from Voyles CDJR of Birmingham for the Road Department.

3- 2023 Dodge Ram 1500- \$42,450.00
2- 2023 Dodge Ram 1500 - \$45,145.50
4- 2023 Dodge Ram 3500- \$66,268.00
Total: \$482,713.00

Due to the national shortage of vehicles, dealerships do not have enough inventory to fill the demand for the vehicles. Previous vehicles on Mississippi State Contract have been canceled months after purchase orders were issued, putting the County in a bind to respond appropriately to citizens calls. Dealerships are reporting shortages to us. The United Autoworkers strike is another cause for delay in vehicles.

Due to the increase in population in Lafayette County and the increased need of road maintenance, the department is in desperate need of additional vehicles. The four 3500 trucks were approved in FY 23 budget, but the dealer canceled our order through state contract months after it was placed. These four 3500 trucks were carried forward to FY 24 for purchase. The four 1500 trucks were approved in FY 24 budget. The one additional 1500 truck is to replace one that was wrecked, we believe it will be a total loss but we are waiting on insurance for an answer, we'd like permission to purchase this one, if the wrecked truck is totaled.

I spoke to the MS Department of Finance and Administration and they did not expect the state contract vendors will be able to accept many orders again this year. It would be detrimental to the County and the Road Department if we were unable to purchase any vehicles during this fiscal year.

Please let me know if you have any questions.