

COUNTY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ACTION # 2023-205

Title: Squad Purchase for Rural Fire District 5

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: November 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY: Rural Fire District 5

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DEADLINE IF ANY FOR ACTION: Select Date

DATE SENT COUNTY COUNSELOR: Select Date

1. Request for Action

Saline County Fire District #5 wishes to purchase a demo Squad unit from Hays Fire Equipment. Scheduled delivery of the unit would be after the first of the year in January. The demo unit would replace a 1999 Ford 450 Squad that does not meet current NFPA standards and has inadequate equipment. The demo unit is a 2023 International CV chassis with a 500-gallon water supply with a 500 GPM pump.

2. Alternatives for Action

Approve the purchase of the demo unit from Hays Fire Equipment.

Proceed with a spec' d-out unit after the first of the year with a substantial price increase.

Deny the request.

3. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends moving forward with purchasing the apparatus from Hays Fire Equipment and moving forward with a Lease-to-purchase option from Community Leasing Partners to fund the overall project for \$201,654.00 while financing \$181,654.00 (\$201,654.00 less a down payment of \$20,000 = \$181,654.00). The advantage of purchasing a Demo unit is that it will not only update the department's fleet of apparatus but also save valuable dollars for the district and the community we serve.

4. Budget Impact

Budget impact: Staff recommends paying a 10% down on a lease-to-purchase option through Community Leasing, which would include an annual payment. The down payment of \$20,000 would come from the department's Special Equipment account, with the yearly payment of \$24,545.50 coming from the department's Lease to Purchase line item #039-155-840000.

5. Action Taken by County Commission