

COUNTY COMMISSION REQUEST FOR ACTION # 2023-228

Title: Fire Truck Purchase for Rural Fire District 1

COMMISSION MEETING DATE: December 19, 2023, at 9:00 AM

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY: Saline County Rural Fire District #1

CONTACT PERSON: Justin Ade

DEADLINE IF ANY FOR ACTION: Select Date

DATE SENT COUNTY COUNSELOR: Select Date

1. Request for Action

District 1's existing unit 107 is a 1986 Chevy that needs a chasse replacement to continue to serve as a first responder unity and brush truck. The versatility and enhanced capabilities that the new chasse will provide will aid in handling various emergencies in District 1's response area.

Three bids were received from Hillsboro Ford, Midway Motors Ford, and Long McArthur Ford. There is currently limited availability of vehicles that meet the specs for this project. Due to these limitations, District 1 requests permission to award Hillsboro Ford the project as the lowest bid for \$58,204. There will be a 6-to-8-month delivery time for the chasse, and once it is received, it will be outfitted with the tank from unit 107, with the anticipated in-service date for the unit to be in the fall of 2024.

2. Alternatives for Action

Award the low bid from Hillsboro Ford.

Deny the award to the low bid and award it to another dealership.

3. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends awarding Hillsboro Ford the project with the low bid of \$58,204 for a new chasse for Unit 107.

4. Budget Impact

The chasse will be purchased from the district's special equipment fund, which currently has a balance of \$216,773.34.

5. Action Taken by County Commission