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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall
Date: April 4, 2006
Subject: Purchase of a bus and two vans for inmate transportation

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED

Authorization is requested to modify the Master Fixed Asset List to purchase one bus not-to-exceed \$500,000 and two vans not-to-exceed \$50,000 each. Your authorization is also requested to authorize the Purchasing Manager to execute a purchase order to MCI based on a previously competitive bid solicitation by Sonoma County with specs that meet our requirements and approve the purchase of two vans from Melrose Ford based on a previous bid award by Procurement Services.

BACKGROUND

Your Board approved \$600,000 to purchase two buses for inmate transportation between the new South Placer Courthouse and Auburn Jail. Staff has been working to develop specifications to meet the transportation needs of the Sheriff's Department. Based on discussions with other counties and surveys conducted, specifications were determined for the bus that would best fit our needs. The bus specifications outlined require high performance for maintenance and expected life, be versatile in providing options for inmate classification to assure inmate and officer safety and have a greater seating capacity. Because of the long lead-time needed to build the bus, time is of the essence in ordering the bus as soon as possible so that it can be ready by the time the South Placer Courthouse opens in January 2007. Sonoma County recently solicited bids for a bus meeting our specifications and awarded the bid to MCI. Costs for this bus exceed our original unit price estimate but are consistent with our criteria. Therefore, only one bus can be purchased within the funds available. Government code allows public agencies to "piggyback" other agency's bids that have met the competitive bidding requirements. Your authorization is needed to purchase the bus by piggybacking on Sonoma County's bid to MCI in an amount not-to-exceed the \$500,000. This would include any diagnostic equipment needed to maintain the bus.

Options to meet backup transportation needs when the bus goes out of service were reviewed. It was determined that for an interim period, two vans could be used in conjunction with those already owned by the County to accommodate initial backup transportation needs. The cost for the two vans will not exceed \$50,000 each, including buildup of security cages and equipment. A purchase order was recently approved to Melrose Ford for the purchase of a van similar to the additional vans needed. Because of the time needed for delivery and buildup, time is also of the essence in ordering these vehicles. Your Board's approval is requested to purchase these two additional vans from Melrose Ford for the same amount as approved in the existing purchase order.

FISCAL IMPACT

Your Board has already approved the purchase of the buses in the FY 2005/2006 Budget in the amount of \$600,000. The funds needed to purchase one bus and two vans will not exceed this amount. No budget revision is required as this amount was also included in the Contribution to Fleet. This is just a modification to the Master Fixed Asset List.

