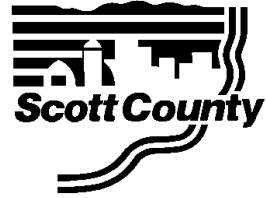


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June 13, 2012

To: Dee F. Bruemmer
County Administrator

From: Dave Donovan, Director
Facility and Support Services

Subj: Approval of bids – Health Department truck replacement

The Purchasing Division has received bids to replace one pick-up truck for the Health Department. The unit to be replaced is a 1993 Ford Ranger with over 86,000 miles. The Health Department was hoping to replace it with the same model to facilitate the reuse of some equipment. However, we have discovered that Ford no longer makes a smaller pick-up similar to the Ranger. Purchasing solicited bids using specifications based on a mid-sized pick-up truck similar to the Ranger. The bids we received are as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Courtesy Ford	Ford F-150	\$15,574.00
Lindquist Ford	Ford F-150	\$15,262.00
Mohr Truck	Ford F-150	\$16,997.25
Reynolds Ford	Ford F-150	\$15,282.72
Smart Toyota	Tacoma	\$24,584.00
Whiteside Chevrolet/GMC	GMC Sierra	\$19,600.00

The apparent low bid is from Lindquist Ford, Bettendorf, IA. They appear to meet or exceed all specifications. After conferring with the Health Department, they recommend approval of the Ford F-150 from the low bidder. I have researched how the larger vehicle might impact operational expenses. I find that the existing Ford Ranger 4WD has fuel economy (14/18MPG) that is actually lower than the proposed Ford F-150 2WD (19/23) which will result in lower fuel costs. Historically, the F-150 models have had higher reliability which typically translates to lower repair costs over the life of the vehicle. The only downside that I see to the unavailability of the smaller Ranger model is that we will need to purchase a new topper for this vehicle at an estimated cost of \$1000-1500.

The Health Department uses this vehicle to collect and haul effluent samples to the laboratory, move supplies and tools for Time of Transfer inspections and to deploy summer mosquito light traps and clinic supplies during community immunizations. They also require this type of vehicle to help with flood supplies during spring flooding occurrences, move

supplies from the Health Department to storage facilities as needed, and to facilitate the moving of the emergency shelter trailer during a disaster response.

I recommend that the Board approve the bids and award to Lindquist Ford in the above amount. This purchase is budgeted in FY2013 in the amount of \$22,500.00. I will be at the next Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss my recommendation and to answer any questions the Board may have.

CC: Ed Rivers
Amy Thoreson
Larry Linnenbrink
Barb Schloemer

THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S SIGNATURE CERTIFIES
THAT THIS RESOLUTION HAS BEEN FORMALLY
APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON

DATE

SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

R E S O L U T I O N

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

June 21, 2012

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF ONE REPLACEMENT PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT FROM LINDQUIST FORD.

BE IT RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the bids for a replacement pick-up truck for the Health Department are hereby approved and awarded to Lindquist Ford in the amount of \$15,262.00.

- Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.