



NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 8, 2019

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Shannan Moon, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the purchase of a Tucker-Terra Sno-Cat, acceptance of trade-in allowance towards the purchase, and approval of the related budget amendment for FY 19/20 (4/5^{ths} affirmative vote required).

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution

FUNDING: Sheriff's Rural Counties monies (Fund #1171) will be used, which will impact the Sheriff's FY 19/20 budget in the amount of \$153,628.75, with no impact to the General Fund.

BACKGROUND: The Nevada County Sheriff's Office and Nevada County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Unit (NCSSAR) is responsible for Nordic rescue missions throughout Nevada County. In 2008 the Nevada County Sheriff's Office acquired a 2009 Kassbohrer Pistenbully Scout and Maxey trailer with funds designated from Homeland Security Grant FY06 Buffer Zone Protection Program. Over the past decade or more, the Sheriff's Department has utilized the Scout to deploy Search and Rescue missions on an average of fifteen times per year or approximately 150 total missions to assist in rescue operations.

A field evaluation of the Scout was set up with Pistenbully's Service Manager on April 11, 2019 and Sheriff Staff. The evaluation determined the Scout was in need of repair with an estimate of \$20,000 to \$30,000, but repair was not recommended due to the rough off-road demands these rescue missions entail. Instead, a replacement of the existing Scout with a different model specifically built for requirements of rough off-road alpine use was recommended.

Through considerable research, and a test drive, Sheriff Staff identified a Tucker -Terra 2000BXL Sno-Cat and found the machine more capable, reliable and designed to travel over rough snow covered terrain at high elevations and traverse steep slopes.

Due to the complexity of this procurement and disposal of the existing Scout, the Sheriff's Office enlisted the assistance of the Purchasing Division. Purchasing worked with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) Program Manager to obtain the appropriate authorization from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency for disposal of the existing Scout since it was procured using Homeland Security Grant FY06 Buffer Zone Protection funds.

Purchasing researched the resale market for this type of equipment and determined that current market value in the existing condition is between \$10,000 and \$15,000. Due to the limited buyer audience for this specialized equipment, Purchasing does not feel that achieving a high return would be possible.

While exploring the purchase of the recommend specialized equipment, Purchasing sought to leverage a General Services Administration (GSA) competitively bid contract to obtain the best value, lowest cost and compliance with the Federal Procurement requirements.

Through GSA, the county has identified a 2020 2000BXL-26-5 Tucker-Terra 4 Passenger Sno-Cat that exceeds the County's requirements and will be able to meet demands for high country, rough off-road alpine search missions.

Purchasing Policy section 4.5 (B) allows for Purchases made from other public agencies competitive solicitations, or by use of Joint Powers Agreements, Cooperative Purchasing programs, Pooling Agreements, and other recognized types of agreements used by government agencies. The GSA contract meets this criteria as well as complies with all federal procurement requirements.

The total purchase price of the proposed Tucker-Terra Sno-Cat is \$153,628.75, which includes options such as, Transport Trailer, 8 foot 6-way U-blade, winch and spot light. In addition, the vendor will allow for a Trade-In credit of the existing Scout and trailer for \$38,000. Purchasing is bringing a resolution on this date to declare the Pistenbully Scout surplus property.

Upon Board approval of this purchase of the Tucker Sno-Cat a purchase order will be issued. Production of this equipment includes a 90-day lead-time and the Sheriff's Office will be responsible for pickup of the vehicle in Oregon. The current Scout will remain in service until the new Sno-Cat is available for pickup.

It is requested that the Board authorize the purchase of a Tucker-Terra Sno-Cat, acceptance of trade-in allowance towards the purchase, and approve the related budget amendment for FY 19/20 (4/5ths affirmative vote required).

Initiated and Approved by: Shannan Moon