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Date: June 30, 2010
To: Judge Self and Commissioner's Court
From: Jon Kleinheksel, Director of Public Works *JK*
Re: Reapplication of Funds for Two Equipment Haul Trailers

In 2008, Public Works budgeted funds to purchase 2 new equipment haul trailers and 1 belly dump trailer with the intent of retiring 2 existing haul trailers and 1 belly dump trailer. Upon reexamining our current needs and future obligations, PW staff elected to increase the weight limit of the new haul trailers thereby affording PW more versatility in moving heavy equipment between various worksites.

The funds were carried over to FY09 and the County advertised the RFP for the 2 haul trailers. The bids, however, far exceeded our estimates and budgeted amount. Due to rising steel prices and upgrading the weight limit from 25 to 35 tons, the cost for both trailers would be \$94,492....roughly twice our budgeted figure of \$48,000. The funds were carried over into FY10 with the vendor agreeing to honor the price until July 2010 while PW staff evaluated options.

Staff analysis supports the Department's focus on traditional dump trucks instead of tractor trailer rigs for moving material as the more effective and efficient solution. Therefore, staff has chosen to cancel the purchase of a new belly dump trailer originally budgeted in FY08 and carried over to this year. Rather, PW staff respectfully requests Court's consideration to apply the funds budgeted for that trailer (\$38,000) to supplement the purchase of the 2 new haul trailers. If approved, staff will use \$8,492 in previous resources to meet the vendor's sale price of \$94,492 as outlined below.

Cost of two 35 Ton haul trailers
\$94,492

Public Works Source Funds

\$48,000 – original amount budgeted in FY08 for two 25 Ton haul trailers
\$38,000 – original amount budgeted for one belly dump trailer and carried over to FY10
\$8,492 – budgeted funds saved in purchase of 50 Ton haul trailer (FY10)

Should you require additional information, please contact me and I will respond accordingly.

JK/cpc