



19 January 2012

TO Judge Self and Commissioners' Court  
 FROM Jon Kleinheksel, Public Works Director  
 RE FYI Notification of utilization of BuyBoard Cooperative contract

FYI notification of proposed utilization of BuyBoard Cooperative contract to purchase eleven (11) patrol vehicles for the Sheriff department from Philpott Motors. Competitive quotes were solicited from the Tarrant County contract, and BuyBoard and HGAC cooperatives. The results are as follows with the recommended award to the lowest, Buyboard.

Summary: BuyBoard-\$331,423.95  
 HGAC-\$333,159.00  
 Tarrant County-\$332,198.95

Funding for all vehicles was approved in the FY12 budget.

Funding

Vehicle	Project #	Account	Funds Budgeted (incl Make Ready)
Patrol (10) replacements	U44015 -U44024	001-4409-600-9070	\$419,800
Patrol (1) new	U50001	001-5001-640-9070	\$39,049

Ford discontinued production of the Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Sedan after 2011. Equipment Services researched and considered the available police models including Chevy sedans, Chevy Tahoe, Ford PI sedan and Dodge Charger — before deciding that the Ford Police Interceptor SUV is the best choice for the County.

The core factors considered in the evaluation were safety, performance, price, fuel economy and interior dimensions. The Ford PI SUV is the only all-wheel drive SUV that is purpose built and police rated. The vehicle offers 20% increased fuel economy over the Crown Victoria with 17 city and 23 highway miles per gallon. The Ford PI SUV's safety features include side curtain airbags, electronic stability control and the ability to withstand a 75mph rear crash. This vehicle's cargo capacity, ride height and all-wheel drive capabilities will be a great benefit to the County in both its rural and suburban applications.

As with any new model change there will be an increase in make ready cost for the first run of vehicles. After this year much of the special emergency equipment will be transferable to next year's new vehicles thus decreasing future make ready expense.