RESOLUTION PROPOSAL

DATE: July 22, 2010

SUBJECT: Police Vehicle Purchase Order

SPONSOR: Solicitations & Contracts Administrator

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. The approved 2010 Reserve Plan includes funding for a Lake Monticello Police Department (LMPD) vehicle.

2. Currently the LMPD has two 4WD Ford Explorer SUV's and three Ford Crown Victoria police cruisers to be shared among an eight (8) member police department. The purchase of this SUV Ford Explorer will be a replacement for the 2000 Crown Victoria that was retired in February of 2009 with 178,000 miles. We are currently using the parts from this vehicle to maintain the three Crown Victorias in our fleet. The LMPD performs a much needed service to the safety and security of the Lake Monticello residents. Adding a third SUV will provide the LMPD the vehicle and equipment needed to perform the exemplary service Lake Monticello residents have come to depend on, particularly in times of bad weather. The SUV's also allow the LMPD access to terrain not accessible with a Crown Victoria.

3. Vehicle Model: 2010 White Ford Explorer XLT 4X4 4-Door, 4WD plus emergency equipment package, which includes 10-head LED Light bar, rear deck lights, console desk and accessories, siren, and prisoner cage. The vehicle will provide LMPD officers the necessary tools needed to perform their assigned community safety and security duties.

4. This vehicle carries a 3 year/36,000 mile bumper to bumper warranty plus a five year/60,000 mile powertrain warranty.

5. Three area fleet dealerships were solicited for bids on two different vehicles. Based on comparables from the three bid responses, other compacts and mid-sized vehicles, as well as used vehicles and the needs of the LMPD, the purchase of the 2010 Ford Explorer XLT represents the best value for the LMPD at this time. To purchase a smaller, more economical vehicle would not afford the LMPD the carrying capacity that is needed in a vehicle; in addition these more compact, fuel efficient vehicles are not built ruggedly enough to endure for years what the Ford Explorer can withstand. We would end up replacing the vehicle after a few short years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff and the S&CR Committee recommend that the BOD approve the procurement of the above police vehicle and emergency equipment, and authorize the President and General Manager to sign the Purchase Order.

PROPOSED FINANCIAL IMPACT: $_____

PROPOSED SOURCE OF FUNDING: 2010 Reserve Plan – Item 22 Police Cruiser

STRATEGIC PLAN REFERENCE:
4.1 Prudently manage the Association's finances and reserves.

POSSIBLE MOTION:
Move that the Board of Directors authorize Staff to issue a Purchase Order to (_____ _____) for the purchase of a 2010 Police Vehicle and its emergency equipment. To be funded from the 2010 Reserve Plan Account in the amount Not To Exceed $_____.

PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR FOLLOW-UP: Solicitations & Contracts Administrator