

LOWNDES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Request to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras

DATE OF MEETING: August 14, 2018

BUDGET IMPACT: \$12,460.00

FUNDING SOURCE

- Annual
- Capital
- N/A

- Regular Meeting
- Work Session
- Recommendation
- Policy/Discussion
- Report
- Other

COUNTY ACTION REQUESTED ON: Request to Purchase Thermal Imaging Cameras

HISTORY, FACTS AND ISSUES: Thermal Imaging Cameras (TIC) have several uses in firefighting applications making them a valuable tool for firefighters. These cameras allow firefighters to identify hidden pockets of fire that are often trapped in crawl spaces and other voids in the construction without having to unnecessarily create further damage. Additional uses for these types of cameras include hazardous materials response, law enforcement responses and missing persons searches.

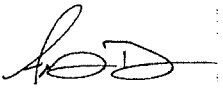
Last year Lowndes County was able to take advantage of a program offered by Bullard, the company that manufactures the cameras we currently use to upgrade to an improved model with enhanced features and capabilities at a discounted price. Through this trade in program we upgraded three Bullard Eclipse TICs to a brand-new Bullard Eclipse LDX which provided advanced features which have greatly enhanced our capabilities. This year we budgeted for 2 additional cameras to standardize our fleet with up to date equipment. Bullard currently has refurbished equipment program that will allow us to purchase two refurbished cameras exactly like the ones purchased last year at a savings of \$1,950 per camera over the cost of brand new units.

OPTIONS: 1. Authorize staff to purchase 2 refurbished thermal imaging cameras for \$12,460.00.  
2. Board's Pleasure.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board's Pleasure

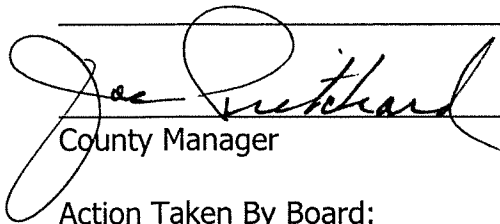
DEPARTMENT: Fire Rescue

Department Head: Ashley Tye



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION:

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County Manager

Action Taken By Board: \_\_\_\_\_