

**Lee County Board Of County Commissioners
Agenda Item Summary**

Blue Sheet No. 20030900

1. REQUESTED MOTION:

ACTION REQUESTED: Approve donation of a Ford 1998 15 passenger van, asset #19738 to the Florida Department of Corrections (DOC).

WHY ACTION IS NECESSARY: To continue the County's commitment to the agreement originally entered into in 1997 and renewed annually between DOC and Lee County to provide a crew to agencies managing conservation lands for control of invasive exotic pest plants.

WHAT ACTION ACCOMPLISHES: Allows the DOC Exotic Plant Control crew to continue functioning.

2. DEPARTMENTAL CATEGORY:
COMMISSION DISTRICT # All

C11A

3. MEETING DATE:

08-26-2003

4. AGENDA:

- CONSENT
- ADMINISTRATIVE
- APPEALS
- PUBLIC
- WALK ON
- TIME REQUIRED:

5. REQUIREMENT/PURPOSE:
(Specify)

- STATUTE
- ORDINANCE
- ADMIN. CODE
- OTHER
- AGREEMENT

6. REQUESTOR OF INFORMATION:

- A. COMMISSIONER
- B. DEPARTMENT Parks & Recreation
- C. DIVISION

BY: John Yarbrough

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7. BACKGROUND: The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the DOC contacted Lee County in July 1997 regarding forming an Invasive Exotic Plant Control Crew that would be staffed by a DOC Officer and inmates. They would be equipped with safety gear and chainsaws supplied by DEP, transported in a 15 passenger van purchased and maintained by Lee County, and supplied with herbicides by the agency on whose property the crew would be working.

The BOCC approved the original agreement December 2, 1997 with subsequent annual renewals. The van was purchased in 1998 at a cost of \$21,169. Since its inception, the crew has worked on 31 sites in Lee, Collier and Charlotte County with a total estimated cost savings of \$411,320. Of this, \$122,860 represents cost savings for exotic plant control on Lee County conservation lands.

Lee County Fleet Management has determined that 15 passenger vans are no longer appropriate for use by county employees due to safety concerns. They have been replaced with 7 passenger Ford Windstar vans. The Windstar is not appropriate for use by the DOC Crew due to size and ground clearance. The State of Florida continues to buy and use 15 passenger vans. The best way to continue the program and meet with needs and concerns of all involved is to donate the 15 passenger van to the DOC.

8. MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS:

9. RECOMMENDED APPROVAL:

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| A Department Director | B Purchasing or Contracts | C Human Resources | D Other | E County Attorney | F Budget Services | | | | G County Manager |
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| <i>JY 8/13/03</i> | | | | <i>KD 7/31/03</i> | OA | OM | Risk | GC | <i>HS 8/7/03</i> |
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10. COMMISSION ACTION:

- APPROVED
- DENIED
- DEFERRED
- OTHER

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Date: *7/31/03*
Time: *11:45 am*
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Co. Admin: 7/31/03 2:30pm

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Mr. Robert W. O'Conner
Warden
Desoto Correctional Institution
13617 Southeast Highway 70
Arcadia, Florida 34266

August 19, 2003

RE Donation of County owned van

Dear Mr. O'Conner:

The Lee County Board of County Commissioners have approved donation of a 1998 Ford E-350 15 passenger van to the Florida Department of Corrections. This van has been used since it was purchased for the DOC inmate crew that has worked on invasive exotic pest plant control in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties.

Lee County's Fleet Management Department will handle transfer of title to DOC. Lee County will no longer be responsible for providing fuel or maintaining the vehicle.

The County Commission appreciates all the hard work of the officer and inmates in controlling exotic pest plants on conservation lands in southwest Florida,

Sincerely,

Ray Judah
Chair, Lee County Board of County Commissioners

Cc: Marilyn Rawlings, Fleet Manager
Roger Clark, Land Stewardship Manager

