



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

AGENDA ITEM NO.

G-2

For the meeting of: September 6, 2016

Date: August 19, 2016
To: Board of Supervisors
From: Supervisor Mark Lovelace and Supervisor Ryan Sundberg
Subject: Reconsider the request from Sheriff Mike Downey to Purchase a Bearcat Rescue and Recovery Vehicle (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1) Direct the CAO to identify Measure Z savings from FY 16/17 in the amount of \$175,000
2) Direct the Auditor Controller to supplement the Sheriff's Measure Z budget (Unit 297) in the amount of \$295,000 and adopt the attached supplemental budget for the purchase of a Lenco Bearcat (4/5 vote required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING: General Fund (Measure Z)

DISCUSSION: During the current-year Measure Z funding cycle, Sheriff Downey submitted a request for \$290,358 to purchase a Lenco Bearcat Rescue and Recovery Vehicle. That request was supported and recommended for funding by the Citizen's Advisory Committee. The Board chose not to grant the request, but expressed that it would be willing to reconsider the application at mid-year, and requested that the Sheriff explore other funding options to help defray the significant cost of the vehicle.

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Prepared by Kathy Hayes

Signature [Handwritten Signature: Ryan Sundberg]

REVIEW: Auditor County Counsel Personnel Risk Manager Other

TYPE OF ITEM:
Consent
Departmental
Public Hearing
XX Other Board Initiated (15 minutes)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT
Upon motion of Supervisor Sundberg Seconded by Supervisor Fennell
Ayes Sundberg, Fennell, Lovelace, Bohn, Bass
Nays
Abstain
Absent

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.

Meeting of:

and carried by those members present, the Board hereby approves the recommended action contained in this Board report.

Dated: Sept. 6, 2016
By: [Handwritten Signature]
Kathy Hayes, Clerk of the Board

The recent active shooter situation in McKinleyville put the lives of neighboring residents in jeopardy, along with law enforcement officers from the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office and other responding agencies. The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office requested support from the Mendocino County Sheriff's Office, which brought their Lenco Bearcat to the scene. The Bearcat was used to successfully evacuate nearby residents who otherwise would have had to place themselves, and law enforcement, in the line of fire to escape. This event effectively proved the value and usefulness of the Lenco Bearcat as a defensive vehicle for protecting the lives of the public.

Prior to this incident, Sheriff Downey had met with the Homeland Security Funding Committee, comprised of Arcata Police Chief Tom Chapman, Fortuna Fire Chief Lon Winburn, Humboldt Bay Fire Chief Bill Gillespie, Public Health Officer Don Baird and Sheriff Downey. The Committee anticipates approximately \$205,000 of Homeland Security grant funding will be available to the County this year, and stated its willingness to include a request of \$120,000 for the Bearcat in its application.

An additional \$175,000 is needed to complete the purchase. Sheriff Downey is requesting the Board of Supervisors consider utilizing Measure Z funding to leverage the \$120,000 committed by the Homeland Security Committee. If the Board does not approve this additional funding, Sheriff Downey will withdraw his request for the \$120,000 by the end of September so that the Committee can apply that funding towards other needs in its Homeland Security grant application.

Should the Board grant this purchase, Lenco Industries would request a purchase order number from the County with payment due upon delivery, which takes 6 to 8 months.

Sheriff Downey believes the recent incident demonstrates that the purchase of the Bearcat is in the best interest of Humboldt County and is essential for protecting public safety.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: \$295,000 from the General Fund (Measure Z)

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT: Homeland Security Funding Committee

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS: Board discretion.

ATTACHMENTS: August 18 e-mail to the Board from Sheriff Mike Downey and Supplemental Budget

ATTACHMENT 1

**FY 2016-17
SUPPLEMENT BUDGET
BUDGET UNIT 213 - HOMELAND SECURITY and
BUDGET UNIT 297 - SHERIFF MEASURE Z**

REVENUES:

1100213-525320	Homeland Security Grant	120,000.00
1100297-710050	Fund Balance	175,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES: \$ 295,000.00

EXPENDITURES:

FIXED ASSET

1100213-8774	Vehicle-Van (Bearcat)	120,000.00
1100213-8774	Vehicle-Van (Bearcat)	175,000.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES: \$ 295,000.00

Hayes, Kathy

From: Lovelace, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:30 PM
To: Hayes, Kathy
Subject: FW: Bearcat

Hi, Kathy. Please include this email as an attachment for the Bearcat item.

Mark

Mark Lovelace
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County of Humboldt
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From: Downey, Mike
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 10:57 AM
To: Sundberg, Ryan <RSundberg@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bohn, Rex <RBohn@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Bass, Virginia <VBass@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Lovelace, Mark <MLovelace@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Fennell, Estelle <EFennell@co.humboldt.ca.us>; Nilsen, Amy <ANilsen@co.humboldt.ca.us>
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Subject: Bearcat

As you are aware the Sheriff's Office was involved in a life threatening situation yesterday, which put Law Enforcement officer's lives in jeopardy along with the general public. I can't thank Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman enough for sending resources to aid in our operation, one of the most important assets was the Lenco Bearcat rescue and recovery vehicle, which was used extensively in the deployment of personnel and the extraction of those who lived in the apartment complex.

As discussed during the measure Z funding meeting I have sought funding to assist in the purchase of the vehicle. Yesterday the homeland security funding committee meet to discuss allocation of funding for 2016. Members of the committee are myself, Chief Tom Chapman, Fire Chief Lon Winburn, Fire Chief Bill Gillespie and Doctor Don Baird. I requested \$120,000.00 to be used for the purchase of the bearcat an additional \$175,000.00 is needed to complete the purchase, which I hope can come from measure Z. I have promised the committee that if funding from Measure Z was not available that I would withdraw my request, which would be by the final week of September.

To begin construction of the vehicle the company requests a purchase order number from the county with payment due upon delivery, which takes 6 to 8 months. I believe this purchase is in the best interest of Humboldt County and encourage the Board of Supervisors to make that allocation. I feel, based upon recent incidents, that the county would have support for the communities in Humboldt County for this county-wide purchase. That vehicle would benefit the whole county including all municipalities. Please consider my request and keep in mind the timeline I have laid out in regards to the funding availability. Thank you Sheriff Mike Downey