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Meeting Date: 10/14/25

Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – New Vehicle Purchase for Airport Operation

Department: Augusta Regional Airport (AGS)

Presenter: Herbert L. Judon, Jr., Airport Executive Director

Caption: Augusta Regional Airport (AGS) – Motion to approve the Airport Operations Department to purchase a 2025 Ford F150 in the amount of \$58,729.00 from Akins Ford, who holds the state contract for Ford F150s.

Background: This vehicle will be replacing a 2011 Ford Expedition with 100,000+ miles on it. As expected with an older vehicle, it has quite a few recurring maintenance issues. The check engine light is constantly on, as well as the tire pressure sensor. The A/C has been patched and repaired for years but still blows warm air during the summer months. The 4x4 option works intermittently. With rain and other weather events, this poses a risk of a vehicle being stuck, or airport operations not being able to do a full inspection of the perimeter fence, which is a regulatory requirement from the Federal Aviation Administration. The vehicle seats are severely worn, with multiple tears exposing the underlying foam, which creates an unprofessional appearance and potential safety concerns. Because Airport Operations vehicles are routinely used to escort airport guests, and prospective contractors on airfield tours for future development projects, maintaining a clean, well-kept fleet is essential to upholding the airport's image, instilling confidence, and supporting ongoing business and development opportunities.

Analysis: This vehicle is allotted for in the 2025 Airport Capital Budget. The actual cost from the Richmond County Fleet Department is \$58,729.00. The total amount will be paid over 3 years under the General Municipal Association (GMA) lease payment agreement.

Financial Impact: This purchase will be funded through Airport Enterprise Funds
Account number 551081222-6111631

Alternatives: N/A

Recommendation: Approve the Airport Operations Department to purchase a 2025 Ford F150 in the amount of \$58,729.00 from Akins Ford, who holds the state contract for Ford F150s.

Funds are available in the following accounts: 551081222-6111631

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