

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

EMERGENCY PURCHASE

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Emergency Purchase – Information Only
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

FORENSIC TRANSPORT VEHICLE FOR CORONER’S OFFICE:

On March 21, 2023, the City Manager was notified of the need for a new Forensic Transport vehicle for the Coroner’s Office as a matter of Public Health and Safety. This vehicle is used to transport the deceased to the GBI for autopsies and to also transport bodies to the morgue in the event the family has no arrangements for disposition, or no family is available.

The current vehicle has over 230,000 miles, is inoperable and has been taken out of service per the Fleet Manager, due to fuel line damage, as well as a long list of repairs that make it unfit for use. The maintenance log and justifications for removing the vehicle from service are available. The Fleet Manager advised that the standard cargo van is no longer available, but that J.A.R. Capital Group, Inc. dba Quality Vans & Specialty Vehicles can provide the needed van. The vendor quoted a Ford Transit 350 146" EB EL Tall Roof 10600 GVWR dual rear wheel van at a cost of \$111,700.

The City Manager approved the emergency request on March 21, 2023, upon submission from the Coroner’s Office.

Funds are budgeted in the FY23 Budget: LOST/Public Safety Fund – Coroner – Public Safety/LOST – Light Trucks; 0102 – 570 – 9900 – LOST – 7722.