

Staff Report

Subject: Approval of Purchase – Kubota Tractors and Rotary Cutters for Roadside Vegetation Maintenance

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Department: Prison and Public Works

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Item Description: Consideration to approve the purchase of two Kubota M6 Series tractors and two Land Pride RC3712 rotary cutters through the SourceWell cooperative purchasing agreement.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the equipment purchase to reduce contracted maintenance costs and improve the County's ability to maintain roadside vegetation using internal resources.

Executive Summary/Background:

Effingham County Public Works has identified an opportunity to improve operational efficiency and reduce reliance on contracted mowing services.

This request proposes the acquisition of:

- **Two (2) Kubota M6-111 Tractors**, each equipped with 106.8 HP engines, deluxe operator cabins, 24F/24R Intelli-Shift transmissions, and advanced maneuverability for roadside work.
- **Two (2) Land Pride RC3712 Flex-Wing Rotary Cutters**, 12-foot wide heavy-duty mowers with 3" cutting capacity and reinforced components designed for uneven and rugged terrain.

This equipment will be used to perform routine roadside vegetation control throughout the county. Mowing operations will be supplemented through coordinated use of inmate labor, reducing overall staffing costs and enhancing service coverage.

The equipment is being sourced using **SourceWell Contract #110023-KBA**, which allows for pre-negotiated pricing and expedited procurement. The total purchase cost of **\$285,556.04** includes all equipment, delivery, and setup.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider

1. Approve the purchase of two Kubota tractors and two rotary cutters as presented.
2. Decline the purchase and continue outsourcing all mowing services.
3. Provide direction for alternative procurement or service delivery options.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2,3

Department Review: Finance, Procurement, Prison, County Manager

Funding Source: FY2026 Budget

Attachments: Purchase Order, SourceWell Quote – SHEA Tractor and Equipment,
Information Sheets