



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 9, 2026

**ITEM TITLE:** Police Department Mobile Command sale/transfer to Black Hawk County, Iowa

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### **BACKGROUND:**

The vehicle in question is a white 2016 Ford with VIN 1FDXE4FS2GDC47731. The vehicle was originally donated to the City of Independence by Area Ambulance, with no restrictions on what we could do with it in the future. This item was presented at the March 2, 2026, Work Session to discuss potentially transferring it to Black Hawk County, Iowa, for their use.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Black Hawk County, Iowa, has agreed to purchase the vehicle for a total price of \$1.00. The vehicle is being sold in "as is, where is" condition.

To facilitate this transfer, Black Hawk County has agreed to the following conditions:

- Black Hawk County will pay all costs associated with the removal of any striping, radios, or other City-owned equipment from the vehicle.
- Black Hawk County will return all removed equipment to the City of Independence once removed.
- Black Hawk County will cover the graphic removal and radio work, which will cost about \$1,000.

Our Police Department would then have a new radio for a future squad car. If we had to purchase a radio, it would cost approximately \$6,000 for the dual-head radio system currently in the vehicle.

### **RESULTS:**

Our City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item directly supports our vision of **efficient and effective planning and prioritizing of all available resources**. By transferring this vehicle, we are building a supportive inter-agency relationship with Black Hawk County while strategically retaining valuable radio equipment for our own future operational needs.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

- The purchase price of the vehicle is \$1.00.
- Black Hawk County will cover the estimated \$1,000 cost for equipment removal and transfer.
- Retaining the current dual-head radio system saves our organization approximately \$6,000 in future equipment purchases.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve and to authorize the City Manager to sign the vehicle purchase and transfer agreement with Black Hawk County.