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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
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RE: 21 Mar 23 County Board Meeting
Request to Trade-Off Unit #0602 Early

Date: 15 Mar 23

Summary

It is requested that the County Board authorize Staff to proceed with trading off a tandem plow truck, unit #0602, early to the manufacturer of the truck it is replacing.

Background

Staff was given authorization to early order 2023 equipment that included a tandem plow truck at the September 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting. At the time that unit was ordered, a trade value for unit #0602 was obtained. With a long duration between ordering and receiving the new truck the trade value will be impacted by higher miles, additional wear and tear, and any new issues that arise. Unfortunately, the longer we retain this vehicle the less we will see in trade value. This truck is currently 17 years old and with that age comes more problems.

The tandem fleet will be short a unit for several months but with weather conditions improving as the snow season comes to an end, the dependence on this unit will not be as great and accommodations can be planned for in its absence. An early trade-in option for tandems might become a recurring option for the Board to consider to maximize potential trade value.

Alternatives

- Authorize staff to trade off unit #0602 ahead of receiving its replacement.
- Take no action at this time.

Recommendations

It is the recommendation that the Board authorize staff to trade off unit #0602 ahead of receiving its replacement.