

MEETING DATE: May 26, 2026

STAFF PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Ron Hanavan, Division Chief, Professional Standards

DESCRIPTION: Douglas County Sheriff's Office is Requesting Board of County Commissioners Approval of Purchase Order to Ken Garff Ford in the Amount of \$128,501.00 for the Replacement of Unit #1946 a Mercedes Sprinter Van. This Immediate Replacement is Necessary Because of the Need for a Reliable Inmate Transport Vehicle.

SUMMARY: The Transport unit of Detentions currently has two transport vehicles in use. Both are Mercedes Sprinter vans with ongoing mechanical issues, frequent downtime and increased operational demand. In the 2026 Adopted Budget, County Fleet received approval for the replacement of one unit.

Transport requests have increased by 4% since 2023, and repeated Sprinter van breakdowns have significantly reduced operational efficiency. Because these vehicles must be serviced by a Mercedes dealership, repairs routinely take them out of service for extended periods.

We have been collaborating with Douglas County Fleet Services and have identified that. Unit #1946 has accumulated substantial repair costs and has reached 14 points on the county's maintenance scale. Although it is currently scheduled for replacement in 2027, its continued downtime is directly affecting daily operations. When the vans are unavailable, staff must rely on a Tahoe that can transport only two inmates, compared to the van's capacity of eleven. This causes multiple additional trips, scheduling delays with partner agencies, and added strain on other fleet vehicles.

Replacing this additional vehicle in 2026 is essential to maintain safe, efficient, and cost-effective transport services of inmates. The replacement will reflect the vehicle replacement for Unit #1815.

Funding for the second transport van will come from the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP). The Sheriff's Office submits an annual application, supported by Justice Benefits, Inc. (JBI), to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Awards are based on personnel costs associated with housing illegal aliens at the Douglas County Detention Facility. Annual award amounts vary, and unused funds carry over year to year. SCAAP funds must be used for correctional purposes, and the purchase of transport vehicles for offender movement is an allowable, compliant use.

We request that once the current Mercedes vehicle is taken out of service, it be sold and the proceeds returned to the SCAAP fund to offset this purchase.

Vehicle Purchase: \$60,0001.00
Vehicle Upfit: \$68,500.00
Total Purchase (Vehicle & Upfit): \$128,501.00

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:**

Request the Board approve the purchase request above totaling \$128,501.00 for the purchase of the vehicle and upfit.

REVIEW:

Darren Weekly	Approve	5/18/2026
Jeff Garcia	Approve	5/21/2026
Christie Guthrie	Approve	5/22/2026
Doug DeBord	Approve	5/22/2026

ATTACHMENTS:

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