

Staff Report

Date: October 28, 2025

To: Douglas County Board of County Commissioners

Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager

From: Dan Dertz, Director

CC: Kirk Inderbitzen, Ranger Supervisor

Lindsay Williams, Land Management Specialist/Ranger

Subject: Open Space Vehicle Request

County Open Space Advisory Committee: October 2, 2025
Board of County Commissioners Meeting: November 11, 2025 @ 2:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Open Space Staff is requesting approval to acquire two (2) vehicles, one (1) ranger truck and one (1) department pool vehicle. The funding would come from the Operations and Maintenance 2026 budget of Parks Trails Historic Resources and Open Space resolution at the cost of \$195,000, with the breakdown of \$115,000 for the ranger truck and \$80,000 for the department pool vehicle. COSAC recommended approval on October 2, 2025.

II. REQUEST

Approval of funding request to acquire one new ranger truck and one new department pool vehicle in the amount of \$195,000.

III. BACKGROUND

Open Space Staff have been reorganizing to better meet the needs of the County. The reorganization has reclassified staff positions from support roles such as administrative and maintenance to Land Management Specialist / Ranger roles. The conditions prior to reorganization coupled with the previous uncertainty of the renewal of the sales tax resolution that funds Open Space led the department to retain vehicles versus seek replacements. Currently the Open Space department has six (6) retained vehicles with higher maintenance needs. With the renewal of the sale tax and current reorganization complete the department requests to update and grow the size of our support vehicles. The growth of support vehicles will allow Open Space staff to better serve the Board of County Commissioners and the citizens of Douglas County.

Vehicle requirements

Vehicle type	What OS has	Total of what is needed
Ranger Trucks	Seven (7), Four (4) are	Eight (8)
	retained	
Pool Vehicle	One (1), retained	One (1)
Field Vehicle	One (1)	One (1)
Seasonal	One (1), retained	One (1)
Vehicle		

IV. ADVISORY BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

The County's Open Space Advisory Committee (COSAC) made a recommendation regarding the funding request.

On October 2, 2025, COSAC heard the Douglas County Open Space and Natural Resources (DCOSNR) request to replace retained vehicles with new vehicles and approved the motion without comments.

V. STAFF ASSESSMENT

The Board of County Commissioners may approve the DCOSNR request to purchase 2 new vehicles in the amount of \$195,000.