

## 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**

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

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### **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**

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

#### **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.