



## Agenda Item Summary

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**File #: 25-00213**

**Agenda Date: 3/25/2025**

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Purchase Order to Safeware Inc. in the amount of \$68,528.00, for Fire Rescue.**

**Presenter:**

Harold Theus, Chief Fire Rescue 352.384.3130

Theodore White, Procurement Manager, 352.374.5202

**Description:**

Purchase Order to Safeware Inc. in the amount of \$68,528.00, for the purchase of two (2) Skydio X10 Drones and Accessories for Fire Rescue. Prices, terms and conditions are per OMNIA Contract 4400008468.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to Safeware Inc. in the amount of \$68,528.00.

**Prior Board Motions:**

February 25, 2025, the Board approved a resolution, budget amendment and authorized an interfund loan for the Drone Replacement Program Financial Assistance from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (Item #25-00126)

**Fiscal Note:**

Alachua County has been approved to relinquish three (3) noncompliant drones to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement which are eligible for reimbursement not to exceed \$25,000 per compliant drone. This purchase will replace 2 of the 3 noncompliant drones.

Funds are budgeted under 083.54.5480.522-various, project # 3542508.

This purchase is from accounts:

011.54.5480.522.46.00 (Repairs and Maintenance Services Repairs) Project 6195409-FY25  
Unmanned Aerial Systems \$1,317.00,

011.54.5480.522.54.80 (Books Publications Subscriptions and Memberships), Project 6195409-FY25  
Unmanned Aerial Systems \$7,947.00,

083.54.5480.522.46.00 (Repairs and Maintenance Services Repairs) Project 3542508 Drone  
Replacement Program 3x120, \$7,864.00

083.54.5480.522.52.00 (Operating Supplies) Project 3542508 Drone Replacement Program 3x120,

\$2,952.00

083.54.5480.522.64.00 (Machinery & Equipment >\$15,000) Project 3542508 Drone Replacement Program 3x120, \$39,184.00

091.54.5450.526.46.00 (Repairs and Maintenance Services Repairs) Project 6195409-FY25 Unmanned Aerial Systems, \$1,317.00

091.54.5450.526.54.80 (Books Publications Subscriptions and Memberships), Project 6195409-FY25 Unmanned Aerial Systems, \$7,947.00

**Strategic Guide:**

All Other Mandatory and Discretionary Services

**Background:**

The Florida Legislature amended Section 934.50, Florida Statutes to require governmental entities to only utilize drones meeting the requirements outlined in Rule 60GG-2.0075, Florida Administrative Code. This change required governmental agencies who use drones for various purposes to cease the use of any drone that is not in compliance with the Rule.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement appropriated approximately \$25 million in nonrecurring funds to implement the Drone Replacement Grant Program. This grant provides funding for the Recipient to replace drones that are not in compliance with Rule 60GG-2.0075, Florida Administrative Code.

Alachua County was approved to relinquish three (3) noncompliant drones to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and is eligible for reimbursement not to exceed \$25,000.00 per compliant drone. Funds received under this program must be used for the acquisition of new, compliant drones for the participating agency. This purchase will replace 2 of the 3 drones and will reimburse the County \$50,000.00. The remaining \$18,528.00 will be covered by the Fire Rescue Operating budget.

This purchase is exempt from the County's competitive bidding requirements pursuant to Section 22.3-302 (13) of the Alachua County Procurement Code, Procurement of Supplies or Services under Contract with cooperatives, including cooperatives that the County participates in accordance with Article 10, Section 22.10-201 (Cooperative Purchasing Authorized), providing the vendor extends the same terms and conditions of the Contract to the County; however, since the dollar amount of the purchase exceeds the purchasing authority of the Procurement Manager, this is being submitted for Board consideration and approval.