



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Name:

Purchase Order to AVI-SPL Inc., in the amount of \$396,350.94 for Fire Rescue.

Presenter:

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Theodore White, Procurement Manager, 352.374.5202

Description:

Purchase Order to AVI-SPL Inc., in the amount of \$396,350.94 for the purchase of an Audio/Visual system for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at the new Fire Rescue Headquarters. Pricing, terms, and conditions are per Omnia Agreement R201201. Also, Fiscal Services is requesting approval of Budget Amendment to move the funds.

Recommended Action:

Approve the issuance of a purchase order to AVI-SPL Inc. in the amount of \$396,350.94. At Fiscal Services' request, deem the attached budget request evaluation sufficient and approve the use of General Fund Reserves in the amount of \$396,352.00 for the purchase and installation of an audio/visual system for the Emergency Operations Center at the new Fire Rescue Headquarters. Approve Budget Amendment 26-682 to move the necessary funds.

Prior Board Motions:

N/A

Fiscal Note:

The total cost for the Emergency Operations Center Audio/Visual system is \$396,350.94.
\$99,235.84 -001.54.5430.525.31.00 Professional Services #8211903-Renovations
\$47,342.94 -001.54.5430.525.46.00 Repairs and Maintenance #8211903-Renovations
\$149,484.66 - 001.54.5430.525.52.00 Operating Equipment #8211903-Renovations
\$100,287.50 -001.54.5430.525.64.00 Machinery & Equipment >\$15,000.00 #8211903-Renovations

Use of General Fund Reserves in the amount of \$396,352.00 for the purchase (001.0440.590.99.20 Other Uses Appropriated Reserves) this will leave a remaining reserve balance of \$11,242,603.00.

Reserve Explanation and Budget Amendment Attached.

Excerpt from the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) Board Approved Budget Policy:

7. Budgeted Reserve for Contingency

A. Reserve for contingency requests in the General Fund, MSTU Law Enforcement and MSBU Fire

Funds, and Stormwater Fund and Gas Tax Fund must be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. The Board will use the procedures and evaluation criteria set forth in this, and other policies. Such requests will be evaluated as to the:

- I. Urgency of the request
The County-owned Armory is currently undergoing renovation to serve as the new Fire Rescue Headquarters and Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Part of the transition requires the replacement of critical audio-visual equipment that supports the EOC operations.
- II. Scope of services to be provided.
A comprehensive, integrated audio/visual system designed to support real-time communication, information sharing, and operational coordination within the Emergency Operations Center.
- III. Short and long-term fiscal impact of the request
This purchase will have a short-term impact on the General Fund Reserves; however, it includes a three-year warranty, service support, and maintenance coverage. No additional repair or maintenance costs are anticipated during that period.
- IV. Potential for alternative methods of funding or providing the service(s)
No alternative funding sources were identified that would be appropriate or eligible to cover this expenditure
- V. Review for duplication of service(s) with other agencies
There is no duplication of services.
- VI. Review of efforts to secure non-County funding.
There are no viable non-County funding sources available to support this project.
- VII. Discussion of why funding was not sought during the normal budget cycle.
The scope and system configuration/design requirements were not known during the regular budget development cycle, preventing the project from being planned or funded at that time.
- VIII. Review of the impact of not funding or delaying funding to the next fiscal year.
If the audio/visual system is not replaced, the EOC's operational readiness will be significantly compromised during activations. Critical information sharing, coordination, and decision-making would be hindered. In addition, the EOC would be unable to support essential non-emergency functions such as training and meetings, limiting its overall availability and utility.

Strategic Guide:

Public Safety

Background:

The County-owned Armory is currently undergoing renovation to serve as the new Fire Rescue Headquarters and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). As part of this transition, it is necessary to upgrade and refresh the audio-visual equipment that will support EOC operations. Select components from the existing system will be repurposed and integrated into the new facility; however, additional equipment is required to ensure the EOC is fully equipped for operational efficiency, coordination, and emergency readiness. The total cost is \$396,350.94.

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.