



DATE: March 31, 2025

TO: Sara Knizhnik, Chair
Operations Committee

FROM: Ronald J. Davis
Director of Public Safety

RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval of a Resolution awarding a Contract for the Purchase, Removal, and Installation of Police Vehicle Equipment to Havey Communications, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$74,006.40.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION: Organizational Sustainability

FINANCIAL DATA: The purchase of three police vehicles and associated equipment was approved as part of the adopted FY2024 Vehicle Replacement Fund budget. The total budgeted amount for the vehicles and equipment was \$180,000.00, based on an estimated cost of \$150,000.00 for the vehicles and \$30,000 for the police vehicle equipment (i.e. lights, sirens, and interior modifications). The actual cost of the vehicles (without police equipment) was \$145,295.00, leaving \$34,705.00 budgeted from FY2024 to apply to this purchase. The District also is in the process of replacing three additional police vehicles outlined in the FY2025 vehicle replacement cycle. Anticipating Board approval and delivery of those vehicles in May 2025, the District included the upfitting costs into this consolidated bid to outfit six police vehicles total. The total cost of the police equipment is \$74,006.40, which will be charged to the Vehicle Replacement Fund (90104100-804000).

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the District's vehicle replacement guidelines, staff determined previously that three 2019 Ford Fusion police sedans (Units 194, 195 and 196) were due for replacement in FY2024. Similarly, units (197, 198, and 5) are slated for replacement in FY2025. Accordingly, the Board awarded a contract on August 14, 2024, for the purchase of three new 2024 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD Hybrids. The District will be seeking board approval in May 2025 for purchase of three additional 2025 Ford Utility Police Interceptor Hybrid SUVs. These six vehicles will be outfitted with the appropriate police equipment under the terms of this contact.

The contract that would be approved by the attached resolution provides for (i) the purchase and installation of the police vehicle equipment (i.e. lights, sirens, and interior modifications) to outfit the six new vehicles and (ii) the removal of equipment in the police vehicles scheduled for replacement. All new equipment is required because of updates to the new vehicle configurations.

The District advertised for bids for a contract to purchase and install the police vehicle equipment. Two (2) bids were received and opened on March 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. local time from Havey Communications, Inc. and Ultra Strobe Communications, Inc.

The new vehicles are expected to be in service for at least 125,000 miles (approximately five years) per the District's fleet replacement guidelines. The police vehicle equipment has an estimated useful life of 6 years and will be transferred to future replacement vehicles, if possible.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: Chief Operations Officer, Director of Finance, Manager of Board Operations, and Corporate Counsel.

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COUNTY OF LAKE)

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
REGULAR APRIL MEETING
APRIL 9, 2025**

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Your **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** presents herewith “A Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase, Removal, and Installation of Police Vehicle Equipment” and requests its approval.

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE:

Date: _____ Roll Call Vote: Ayes: ____ Nays: _____

Voice Vote Majority Ayes; Nays: _____

**LAKE COUNTY FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT
LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE, REMOVAL, AND INSTALLATION
OF POLICE VEHICLE EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Lake County Forest Preserve District (the “District”) has advertised in The Lake County News Sun for sealed bids for the purchase, and installation of new police vehicle equipment in recently purchased police vehicles and the removal of equipment in the police vehicles scheduled for replacement (collectively, the “Equipment”); and

WHEREAS, all sealed bids were received and opened by the District at its General Offices, 1899 West Winchester Road, Libertyville, Illinois on March 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. local time; and

WHEREAS, bids were received in the following amounts from the following bidders;

	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
Havey Communications, Inc.	\$74,006.40
Ultra Strobe Communications, Inc.	\$78,241.30

and;

WHEREAS, the District’s staff, the Purchasing Manager, the Director of Public Safety, and the Operations Committee have reviewed the bids and recommend that the Board of Commissioners find Havey Communications, Inc. to be the lowest responsible bidder and award a contract for the Equipment to Havey Communications, Inc. (the “Contract”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that Havey Communications, Inc., is the lowest responsible bidder for the Equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the Lake County Forest Preserve District, Lake County, Illinois **THAT:**

Section 1: Recitals. The recitals set forth above are incorporated as a part of this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2: Award of Contract. The bid submitted by Havey Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$74,026.40 (the “Contract Price”) is hereby accepted and a Contract for the Equipment is hereby awarded to Havey Communications, Inc.

Section 3: Execution of Contract. The Executive Director of the District is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Contract for the Equipment in the amount of the Contract Price.

Section 4: Payments. The Treasurer shall make payments under the Contract only pursuant to and in accordance with the Contract terms.

Section 5: Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025

AYES:

NAYS:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2025

Jessica Vealitzek, President
Lake County Forest Preserve District

ATTEST:

Julie Gragnani, Secretary
Lake County Forest Preserve District

Exhibit No. _____