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Subject: Authority to re-advertise for bids for one or more stretchers

Dear Board Members:

Madison County receives an annual grant of EMSOF funds from the Mississippi Department of Health for emergency medical equipment and training. The grant funds are derived from a \$5 assessment on all hazardous moving-violation fines. As part of the county's agreement with Pafford, the ambulance service provider is allowed to select and use the equipment and training. All of the purchased equipment remains the property of Madison County.

The county's allotment of funds to spend by September 30 is \$171,500. To date, purchase orders have been issued totaling \$43,434.88, which leaves a net to spend of \$128,065.12. Pafford has requested for the county to purchase six battery-powered hydraulic stretchers with accessories. The cost of the stretchers would be about \$120,000. Any funds remaining after purchase of the stretchers would be used for training.

I recently advertised for bids for one or more battery-powered hydraulic stretchers; however, no bids were received. After discussing the matter with Fire Coordinator Tom Lariviere, I request authority to re-advertise for one or more battery-powered hydraulic stretchers.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request,

Hardy Ørunk Purchase Clerk