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April 4, 2022

VIA U.S. MAIL & EMAIL

Madison County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 608
Canton, MS 39046

RE: Request for Surplus Vehicles, Gluckstadt Police Department Fleet

Dear Board of Supervisors:

As the City of Gluckstadt Police Chief, I am writing on behalf of our Police Department to express interest in obtaining surplus vehicles from the Madison County Sheriff's Department to assist the City in the creation of our new police department. As you can imagine, there are many challenges the City faces in forming a police department from inception, particularly during a global pandemic, while also facing recent supply chain problems. The City has endured considerable difficulty finding appropriate police vehicles to purchase at this time; timeframe projections provided to our office suggest it may be late fall 2022 before we are able to secure proper vehicles.

Since taking my position on March 21st, I have worked diligently on goals such as working on a facility to house a police department, drafting policies and procedures, procuring necessary equipment, as well as staffing. It is my intention to hire eight (8) to ten (10) officers over the next month. The officers will require vehicles shortly thereafter to begin protecting our citizens and patrolling our streets. Therefore, I am requesting for your consideration a donation (if available and agreed upon by the Board of Supervisors) of eight (8) to ten (10) surplus vehicles to get our fleet started and expedite getting our officers to work. The City would be extremely grateful for any vehicles the county is able to part with. I have met with Sheriff Tucker and expressed my interest in obtaining said vehicles and to extend my sincerest appreciation for any assistance the county may be able to provide in this regard.

On behalf of our community members, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and my new department, I want to thank the Madison County Board of Supervisors, Sheriff Tucker, and County Administrator Vance for your continued support as we continue to get on our feet as a new City. Your ongoing efforts to assist Gluckstadt and your generosity has not gone unnoticed by our City and the residents within it.

Should you have any questions or need anything further from our office, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (769) 567-2306. Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wendell E. Watts
POLICE CHIEF, CITY OF GLUCKSTADT

cc:

Shelton Vance, Madison County Administrator
Randy Tucker, Madison County Sheriff
Mayor & Board of Aldermen, City of Gluckstadt
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