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Subject: Authority to advertise for new Tandem-Axel Dump Trucks

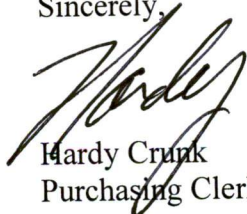
Gentlemen:

Road Manager Lawrence Morris' highest priority for equipment purchases this fiscal year is to replace the County's fleet of nine tandem-axel dump trucks. The current fleet was purchased in 2006, which will make the trucks eight-years old this coming spring. Maintenance cost on the trucks has increased greatly over the past year.

County Administrator Shelton Vance and I have discussed the possible purchase of new tandem-axel dump trucks. A fleet of new dump trucks has an approximate 120-day delivery wait following award of bid. If the county advertises for bids now a bid could be awarded by the second board meeting in December. We think the best course of action is to go ahead and advertise for bids, and, once we know the exact cost of new dump trucks, then determine the most prudent means of paying for the trucks. We currently have a minimum guaranteed auction price for our current trucks of \$485,460.

In light of the above, I request authority to advertise for one-or-more tandem axel dump trucks.

Sincerely,



Hardy Crunk  
Purchasing Clerk