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From: Captain John Austin
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Date: 12/22/2025

Re: Request for Permission to Sell Surplus Vehicle (2018 Ford Explorer)

Dear Chairman Church and Members of the Board:
I am writing to formally request the Board's permission to sell a county-owned vehicle, a 2018 Ford Explorer (Vin: 1FM5EK8AR7JGA32279), through a private sale.
The vehicle has reached the end of its useful service life for county operations, having accumulated 153,994 miles. Foothills Medical Transit Co., owned by Mr. Tommie Fite, has proposed purchasing this vehicle for the sum of $4,000.
This sale would serve a critical community need, as Foothills Medical Transit Co. will utilize the vehicle to provide transportation services for all our Involuntary Commitment (IVC) patients to their ordered facilities. Facilitating this sale directly supports the safe and efficient transport of these patients while allowing the County to recoup fair market value for a "miled-out" asset.
We request that the board adopt a resolution authorizing this private sale in accordance with North Carolina General Statues. Thank You for your time and continued support of our operational needs.

Sincerely,

Capt. John Austin

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