COUNTY DEPARTMENT AGENDA REQUEST

Department:	Fire and Emergency Services	Presenter(s):	Thomas F. Bartlett
Meeting Date:	Thursday, May 13, 2010	Type of Request:	Consent

Wording for the Agenda:

Approval of staff's recommendation to accept a grant from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency to replace a generator at Fire Station No. 8 and proceed with the bid process for purchase of the new generator.

Background/History/Details:

This project is for the replacement of the back up power generator at Station No. 8. The county has been awarded a grant from GEMA. This grant is for a 50% match up to a maximum of $25,000. The estimated cost of the project is $35,000 - $40,000. The current generator is out of service and the estimated cost of repair is $800. This generator is the original one put in service when the station was built in 1998. Fleet has already had issues obtaining parts for other repairs and have been advised that electronic components for the generator and transfer switch are no longer made and in some cases no spare parts are available. This grant would replace the generator and transfer switch. In addition the new generator would power the entire building which the current unit is not able to do.

We are requesting the Board of Commissioners accept the grant from GEMA, authorize a sealed bid process for the new generator to include any installation costs. After the bid process is complete, the department would return to the Board with the exact matching amount of funding required and request authorization to expend these funds. Funding would be requested from the Fire Reserve Fund.

Notification from GEMA that the county can proceed with a purchase of generator is included.

What action are you seeking from the Board of Commissioners?

Approval to accept grant and proceed with purchase of generator.

If this item requires funding, please describe:

Funds for 50% match would come from the Fire Reserve Fund.

Has this issue come before the Commissioners in the past?	No	If so, when?	
Do you need audio-visual for the presentation?	No	Back-up Material Submitted?	Yes

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Approved by Purchasing	Yes	Approved by County Clerk	Yes
Administrator's Approval	Yes		

Staff Notes: