

**Washington County Sheriff's Office**  
**Capital Expense Request for 2022 Budget**

**\$199,014.00**

**(Vehicles Line Item - 1000 0400 4005)**

**June 10, 2021**

The Sheriff's Office Enforcement Division is requesting a total of \$199,014.00 in capital outlay funds from the vehicle line item for the 2022 budget to purchase the following vehicles:

**Replacement Tahoes**

- 3- Chevrolet Traverse All Wheel Drive (AWD)
- 3 - Chevrolet Tahoe, police package, 4-wheel drive

As in the past, we intend to purchase these utilizing the Arkansas State bid pricing. The only pricing at this early stage in the budget process will be the prices from the 2021 State Vehicle Contract. The bid price for the 4-wheel drive, police package vehicles was \$36,640 in 2021. Based from conversations with General Motors, they are estimating a larger than normal increase on the 2022 models. This would increase the price to approximately \$39,179 per Tahoe. The Traverse (AWD) price on the 2021 State Vehicle Contract is \$25,845. We estimate the 2022 pricing for this vehicle to be approximately \$27,159.

These vehicles will be replacements for high mileage Enforcement units and high mileage unmarked vehicles for the Investigative Division. When we first began the change over to the Tahoe platform several years ago, we told the Quorum Court we expected to get more mileage from them and that has been the case.

We receive vehicle reimbursement funds for two of our unmarked units from the HIDTA program. There are requirements to receive this reimbursement. In order to receive the vehicle allowance, we have to provide the investigator with a vehicle no older than five (5) years and no more than 80,000 miles. The vehicle allowance received will provide a future funding source for these vehicles, provided we meet the guidelines. As

long as the vehicle allowance is available, this should be the last year we would need to request funds for these vehicles.

It is important to note we have a “hand-me-down” process when we retire a patrol vehicle. Those that are still mechanically reliable will be re-assigned to a less demanding role within our office. This could include assignment to deputies within Court Services, Training, and Civil Process.

Our Patrol vehicles are operated daily on county roads, many of which are still gravel. We must also sometimes drive across fields, creeks, and traverse some treacherous private driveways in our daily duties to answer calls of citizens. The constant vibration of driving, opening and closing of doors to get in and out of the vehicle, extra idling, high-speed driving, uncooperative prisoners, etc., all take a toll on the vehicle. The 100,000 miles a civilian may put on his or her own vehicle does not compare to a vehicle that has been in police service for the same mileage.

Estimated total cost for all vehicles: **\$199,014.00**