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TO: Honorable County Commissioners
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FROM: Jess L. Greenwood, P.E. – Director / County Engineer

RE: 18 Mar 25 Budget Committee Meeting
Request to Order 2026 Equipment with Long Delivery Schedule

Date: 26 Feb 25

Summary

It is requested that the Budget Committee and the County Board authorize Staff to order a tandem plow truck from the 2026 Capital Plan.

Background

Some of the equipment that Public Works needs to purchase takes up to a year or more for delivery. To ensure delivery in 2026, orders need to be placed in 2025.

The last several years, tandems and other heavy equipment have been ordered the year prior due to long delivery timeframes. The Board last gave authorization to Public Works at their January 16, 2024 meeting to order a tandem plow truck from the 2025 capital plan. A challenging aspect regarding the purchase of large equipment is the short duration window to order off of the State Contract. If we have authorization and begin the process now, Goodhue County can and will be able to be in line to place an order for the requested equipment when the processes are open. Public Works is requesting authorization to follow the same process as past years and place orders for a tandem plow truck (\$337,428) that is both budgeted for and should be delivered in 2026. Payment will not be incurred until 2026 when the piece of equipment is received.

Alternatives

- Authorize staff to order a tandem plow truck so delivery will occur in 2026.
- Take no action at this time.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation that the Budget Committee and County Board authorize staff to order a tandem plow truck so delivery will occur in 2026.

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