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TO:	Greene County Board of Supervisors
FROM:	Melissa Meador, Director of Emergency Service/EMS Chief
SUBJECT:	Request for Approval to purchase additional EMS Quick Response Vehicle (QRV)
DATE:	May 26, 2026

Recommended action:

Approval to proceed with the purchase of an additional EMS Quick Response Vehicle utilizing existing budgeted funds

Background:

I would like to request approval to move forward with the purchase of an additional Quick Response Vehicle (QRV) for EMS operations. After reviewing the current fiscal year budgets, I am confident that sufficient funding exists within existing appropriations to support this purchase without requiring additional County funding.

As you are aware, our current QRV was recently involved in a motor vehicle crash and is temporarily out of service. At this time, the vehicle may potentially be deemed a total loss, although we are still awaiting final determination. During this period, we have been fortunate to utilize a loaned vehicle from Madison County Emergency Services to maintain operational continuity. While we greatly appreciate their assistance and regional partnership, this situation has highlighted the vulnerability of relying on a single QRV to support our EMS response system.

The QRV has become an important component of our daily operations. In addition to emergency response, the vehicle is routinely utilized for field supervision, training functions, administrative travel, community outreach

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activities, and incident command responsibilities. Having only one vehicle assigned to these diverse operational needs creates challenges when the unit is unavailable due to maintenance, repairs, or emergency incidents.

The addition of a second QRV would provide several operational advantages, including:

- Ensuring continuity of emergency response capabilities when one vehicle is unavailable;
- Improving reliability and readiness during periods of maintenance or repair;
- Providing dedicated support for training, supervision, and administrative functions without impacting frontline response capabilities;
- Enhancing operational flexibility during major incidents, special events, or simultaneous calls for service; and
- Reducing dependence on outside agencies for equipment necessary to fulfill our emergency response responsibilities.

From an organizational standpoint, maintaining adequate backup capacity is essential for a public safety agency entrusted with emergency response responsibilities. While mutual aid and regional cooperation remain critically important, I do not believe our department should rely on neighboring jurisdictions for routine operational coverage due to limitations within our own fleet.

I respectfully request the Board's consideration and approval to proceed with the purchase of an additional EMS Quick Response Vehicle utilizing existing budgeted funds.