

Memorandum



Date: August 24, 2015

To: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From: Carlos A. Gimenez
Mayor 

Subject: Response to Resolution No. R-137-15 Directing County Mayor to Provide a Vehicle from the County's Fleet Motor Pool for the Courts Criminal Mental Health Project

This memorandum is in response to Resolution No. R-137-15, which directs the County Mayor to make available a single vehicle from the County's fleet motor pool at a cost of \$1.00 per year to any licensed staff member of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Criminal Mental Health Project. Use of the vehicle is intended to support Criminal Health Project operations (e.g., project staff will be able to transport clients released from jail to their homes).

While I understand the intent of this legislation, providing a vehicle at a cost of \$1.00 per year solely dedicated for this purpose has an unbudgeted fiscal impact. The pool vehicle would need to be replaced in order to avoid an operational impact, as pool vehicles are already in short supply. The estimated fiscal impact would be approximately \$22,000 to purchase a replacement vehicle for the pool fleet.

To meet the Criminal Mental Health Project's needs, the following options are available for consideration by AOC staff:

- Access a County pool vehicle for a cost of \$1.75 an hour plus \$0.47 per mile;
- Buy a pool vehicle at the National Automobile Dealers Association guidebook value for the vehicle selected; or
- Request that a County surplus vehicle be donated at no cost to the County pursuant to Section 2-11.2.1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. Surplus vehicles have typically exceeded their useful life and any donated surplus vehicle likely will require the AOC to fund repairs.

At this time, the AOC has advised that the court will not be pursuing the vehicle from the County and, instead, is exploring an option to lease a vehicle. The County is available to assist the AOC in determining the most viable option and will explore any future options presented by the AOC, based on its needs.

Per Ordinance 14-65, this memorandum will be placed on the next available Board of County Commissioner's meeting agenda.

c: Honorable Harvey Ruvlin, Clerk of the Board
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