

HABERSHAM COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SUBJECT: Toughbooks for the Sheriff's Office

DATE: September 8, 2022

☒ **RECOMMENDATION**

☐ **POLICY DISCUSSION**

BUDGET INFORMATION:

☐ **STATUS REPORT**

ANNUAL- N/A

☐ **OTHER**

CAPITAL- \$32,453

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: September 19, 2022

PURPOSE:

To seek Commission approval for the purchase of (15) Panasonic Rugged Toughbook computers for the Uniform Patrol Division at the Sheriff's Office. Funding for this solution was allocated and approved in the FY 2023 CIP budget for the Sheriff's Office. The total cost for this replacement will be \$32,529.75.

BACKGROUND / HISTORY:

Over the years, we have been working to replace the Panasonic Toughbook computers used by the Sheriff's Office Patrol Deputies. We still have several older laptops, running legacy hardware, in use in the field by our Officers.

FACTS AND ISSUES:

Rugged mobile computers are essential to officer efficiency in receiving vital information, responding to calls from the citizens and properly documenting the disposition of every incident. In today's policing environment, timely sharing of information is vital for safety, effectiveness and efficiency in everyday law enforcement work.

- Many of the Toughbooks in use by our Officers today are well over 7 years old. Best practices say laptops should be replaced with newer technology every 3 to 5 years.
- Older Toughbooks will be prioritized and replaced with these newer models.
- These older Toughbooks have multiple performance related issues requiring constant repair and attention.
- All equipment includes a 3-year support and maintenance agreement.
- Solution will be purchased off of the Omnia Partners – IT Solutions cooperative purchasing contract. Contract # 2018011-02

OPTIONS:

- 1) Approve the purchase of (15) new Panasonic Rugged Toughbook laptop computers.
- 2) Deny the purchase of (15) new Panasonic Rugged Toughbook laptop computers.
- 3) Commission defined alternative.

RECOMMENDED SAMPLE MOTION:

I move to approve the purchase of (15) new Panasonic Rugged Toughbook laptop computers.

DEPARTMENT:

Prepared by: Tracy Williamson

Director: Information Technology Director _____

ADMINISTRATIVE

COMMENTS: _____

_____ **DATE:** _____

County Manager