



# Baldwin County Commission

## Legislation Text

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**Meeting Type:** BCC Regular Meeting

**Meeting Date:** 9/20/2022

**Item Status:** Addendum

**From:** Zachary Hood, Emergency Management Agency (EMA) Director

**Submitted by:** Vernon L. Dandridge, Planning and Grants Division Manager

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### **ITEM TITLE**

Request from Local Emergency Planning Committee for Purchase of a Digital Pressure Test Kit

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the request for Baldwin County Commission's Emergency Management Agency (EMA) to purchase a Kappler Automated Digital Pressure Kit for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) at a cost not to exceed \$4,199.00, to be used throughout Baldwin County to test hazardous materials consistently and accurately.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Background:** Staff received a request from Mr. Joey Darby, Chairperson of Baldwin County LEPC requesting EMA to purchase a Kappler Automated Digital Pressure Test Kit. The LEPC is a collection of community stakeholders with a primary task of evaluating available resources that could be made available in the event of a chemical accident. Currently, Baldwin County does not have the capacity to test for Level A hazardous material which puts the community at risk.

All of the primary hazardous response agencies in Baldwin County along with LEPC's hazmat response trailer utilize Kappler Level A suits; however, there is currently no consistent testing apparatus for these suits among the Baldwin County agencies. Any incident in Baldwin County could involve multiple or all hazmat response agencies, it is important to have confidence that all equipment meets current standards.

The requested Kappler Automated Digital Pressure Test Kits are compliant and safe to use in accordance with the manufacture, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

Staff received three (3) quotes. The lowest quote was received from NAFECO for \$4,199.00. The device will be used to support county first responders that deal with hazardous materials. The EMA will lend the device out to required county department or agency when needed for a hazardous material response. The device will be stored, managed, and maintained by the EMA Logistics Division Manager

**Previous Commission action/date:** N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**Total cost of recommendation:** \$4,199.00

**Budget line item(s) to be used:** 10052300.52110

**If this is not a budgeted expenditure, does the recommendation create a need for funding?**

No

**LEGAL IMPACT**

**Is legal review necessary for this staff recommendation and related documents?**

N/A

**Reviewed/approved by:** N/A

**Additional comments:** N/A

**ADVERTISING REQUIREMENTS**

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**Is advertising required for this recommendation?** N/A

**If the proof of publication affidavit is not attached, list the reason:** N/A

**FOLLOW UP IMPLEMENTATION**

**For time-sensitive follow up, select deadline date for follow up:** N/A

**Individual(s) responsible for follow up:** Administration send notification of Commission's decision; Michael Purner, Logistics Division Manager for the Emergency Management Agency, will coordinate the purchase of the device.

**Action required (list contact persons/addresses if documents are to be mailed or emailed):**

Administration notify the following via email of Commission's decision:

Joey Darby (jdarby@cityoffoley.org),

Zachary Hood (Zack.Hood@baldwincountyal.gov), and

Vernon Dandridge (Vernon.dandridge@baldwincountyal.gov)

**Additional instructions/notes:** N/A.