Item: I-3

TO: Jeff Morris, City Manager

FROM: Diane George, Interim Chief

RE: Bullet proof vest purchase

DATE: May 1, 2012

In 2012, we budgeted $19,500 for the purchase of bullet proof vests. The vests currently being worn will expire this year.

Once the vests are purchased, an application for reimbursement can be completed through the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership Grant (initiated by the Department of Justice). We can potentially be reimbursed up to fifty percent of our cost. There is an enrollment period which opens up around the third week in May. At that point, applications for reimbursement will be accepted for approximately six weeks. DOJ will not provide the opening and closing dates. To qualify for reimbursement, the vests must be purchased after April 1st and before application for reimbursement can be made.

Commander Danny Grigg and Sgt. Darin Daily researched the various types of vests and contacted several venders to obtain quotes for qualifying vests. In order to be reimbursed through the Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, the vest must be approved by the BPV Qualifying vests are listed on the BPV website.

Considering all the requirements mandated by the BPV as well as safety and reliability of the vests, the search was narrowed down to three options regarding which vests to purchase. It should be noted that we looked at the highest two threat levels of vests, referred to as threat level three A (IIIA) and threat level two (II). Threat level three A, IIIA, being the best, and provides the most protection than the II, however, is of different thickness and weight, making it less desirable to wear. Officers would have the option of threat level IIIA or II.

The following is a list of recommended vests. They are listed along with the Vendor name and price. All are approved and qualify through the BPV grant. The total column lists the cost of purchasing 26 vests.

Vendor	Vest	Price	Total
PPE	DX-IIIA armor	$695.00	$18070.00
PPE	DX-II armor	$650.00	$16900.00
Ray O'Herron	Armor Express Halo Level II	$650.00	$16900.00
Ray O'Herron	Armor Express Halo Level IIIA	$725.00	$18850.00
OMB Guns	Renegade IIIA (38FA)	$625.00	$16250.00
OMB Guns	Renegade IIIA (3XA)	$599.00	$15574.00
OMB Guns	Renegade II vest	$560.00	$14560.00
OMB Guns	PPE DX IIIA	$699.00	$18174.00
Baysingers	Second Chance LVL II	$711.00	$18486.00
Baysingers	Second Change LVL IIIA	$1026.00	$26676.00

All vests come with two carriers and soft trauma plate.

Our recommendation would be purchasing from PPE, which would provide adequate protection. Each officer would have an option regarding level IIIA or II. Based on past history, the majority of officers select level IIIA. The total estimated cost was calculated using the more expensive vest, IIIA, for a total of $18,070.00, which is $1,430 under budget.

We request approval to purchase the vests immediately, which would allow us to have a total cost as required at the time of application for reimbursement.

Respectfully,

Diane George.

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-48

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF A PURCHASE ORDER WITH PPE FOR THE PURCHASE OF BULLET PROOF VESTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Coffeyville, Kansas that the Mayor and City Clerk be and are hereby authorized and directed to execute a purchase order with PPE in a total amount not to exceed $18,070 for the purchase of 26 DX-IIIA Armor bullet proof vests for the Police Department.

ADOPTED THIS 8th DAY OF MAY 2012.

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David George, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy Price, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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Paul Kritz, City Attorney