

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE RULES STANDING COMMITTEE**

Anchorage, Alaska
December 17, 2010
11:10 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Bob Herron, Vice Chair (via teleconference)
Representative Mark Neuman (via teleconference)
Representative Kurt Olson (via teleconference)
Representative Berta Gardner

MEMBERS ABSENT

Representative Nancy Dahlstrom, Chair (Resigned 5/31/10)
Representative Charisse Millett
Representative Beth Kerttula

OTHER LEGISLATORS PRESENT

Representative Mike Chenault (via teleconference)

COMMITTEE CALENDAR

HOUSE VAN

- HEARD

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION

No previous action to record

WITNESS REGISTER

TINA STRONG, Procurement Officer
Legislative Affairs Agency
Juneau, Alaska

POSITION STATEMENT: Explained the need for a new vehicle for the House.

ACTION NARRATIVE

[11:10:15 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE JOHNSON, ACTING CHAIR, called the House Rules Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

Representatives Johnson, Olson (via teleconference), Neuman (via teleconference), Gardner, and Chenault (via teleconference) were present at the call to order. Representative Herron (via teleconference) arrived as the meeting was in progress.

[11:10:20 AM](#)

ACTING CHAIR JOHNSON reminded the committee of the memo dated November 8, 2010, which delegates him the authority to serve as the chair of the House Rules Standing Committee for the purpose of purchasing equipment and other such items.

House Van

[11:10:34 AM](#)

ACTING CHAIR JOHNSON announced that the purpose of this meeting is to approve a request for proposals (RFP) for a new van for the House of Representatives. He noted that upon a recent review of the maintenance issues with the existing van, it was recommended by the Legislative Affairs Agency to acquire a new van.

[11:11:30 AM](#)

TINA STRONG, Procurement Officer, Legislative Affairs Agency, informed the committee that the existing House van is eight years old and has quite a bit of rust. Furthermore, the van's snow tires are a few years old and need to be replaced as does the battery, which constantly has to be charged. Ms. Strong explained that an RFP won't be necessary as the state already has a fleet contract under which the legislature would purchase. Kendall Ford in Wasilla was the low bidder and has an appropriate vehicle in stock. If the purchase is approved today, the vehicle could arrive in Juneau within three weeks and thus be here prior to the 2011 session. The vehicle is a white 2011 Ford Expedition, 6-speed automatic that has a third row seat that allows it to carry eight passengers at once. In terms of size the aforementioned vehicle is similar to the Senate's 2003 Ford Excursion.

[11:13:39 AM](#)

REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER asked if the van is four-wheel drive.

MS. STRONG replied yes.

11:13:53 AM

REPRESENTATIVE GARDNER moved that the House Rules Standing Committee authorize the purchase of a new vehicle to replace the current House van at a price not to exceed \$33,000. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

11:14:29 AM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the committee, the House Rules Standing Committee meeting was adjourned at 11:14 p.m.