



Madison County to Sell Surplus of Vehicles

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WOOD RIVER — Madison County to hold a vehicle surplus sale later this month at its Wood River facility.

The auction, which will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 23, at 101 E. Edwardsville Road, Wood River, will sell a half-dozen vehicles. The items, which will be sold to the highest bidder as-is, include three Chevrolet Impalas, two Ford Crown Victoria's and a Ford F150 truck w/camper.

Criteria for designating items as surplus includes evaluating their condition, mileage, and age of the vehicle.

Last fall, the county held its first surplus auction in 10 years and brought in more than \$28,000. Auction proceeds will go back into the county's general fund budget.

"By auctioning unused property, we generate revenue for the county and encourage fiscal responsibility," Chairman Kurt Prenzler said.

The county tries to recycle or re-use equipment and materials no longer needed by its county departments before disposing of them. The county initiated a program 13 years ago to sell vehicles to governmental entities for \$1 after they taking them out of service due to high mileage or age.

"When it comes time to surplus a vehicle, the county makes an assessment of the vehicle to determine the best course of action for when and how to remarket it," Purchasing Director Linda Ogden said.

Ogden said when using a local auction company to handle the entire process, it eliminates the need for the county to allow staff time to oversee the auction.

“The auctioneer handles everything,” she said.

Ahrens and Niemeier Auction Service, LLC will manage the county sale. A list and photos of vehicles can be viewed online at www.a-nauctions.com.