

Resolution No. 56-11

**To Revise the Purchasing Policy to Allow Energy Costs in Approving Purchases**

**WHEREAS, the cost of operating equipment, the energy use, can add significantly to the cost of equipment over the lifetime of use**

**WHEREAS, Purchasing Policy 912 specifies that the county is required in most to accept the lowest purchase price or bid**

**WHEREAS, the lowest initial cost of equipment may not result in the lowest total expense of that equipment**

**BE IT RESOLVED that Purchasing Policy 912 be amended to add section 912-2-111 – Energy Use:**

In all purchases of equipment the department requesting the purchase shall obtain the estimated energy usage of the proposed item. That department shall calculate the estimated cost of operation over the expected life of the item. The department may use the resulting overall cost (purchase cost plus cost of operation) to justify a purchase whose bid is not the lowest.

**Effective date: Upon passage**

**Funding Amount/Source: None**

**Finance Committee Action:**

**Date submitted to County Board: November 15, 2011**

**County Board Action: Failed by roll call vote ending in a tie.**

**Approved as to Form:**

**Submitted at the request of: Renewable Energy Committee**

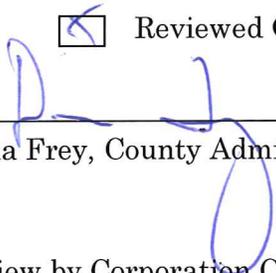
*John R. Luke*  
*Kathryn Wesley 10/21/2011*

Review by County Administrator:

Recommended

Not Recommended

Reviewed Only

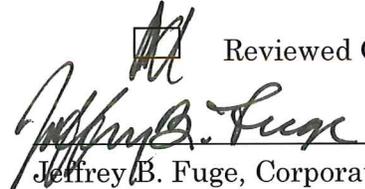
  
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Dana Frey, County Administrator

Review by Corporation Counsel:

Recommended

Not Recommended

Reviewed Only *Approved as to form.*

  
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Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel

At its regular business meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, the Polk County Board of Supervisors adopted the above-entitled resolution, Resolution \_\_\_\_\_: Resolution to Revise the Purchasing Policy to Allow Energy Costs in Approving Purchases, by a vote of \_\_\_\_ in favor and \_\_\_\_ against.

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William Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Wondra, Polk County Clerk