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Dear Commissioners:

The Union County Financial Management Committee met on August 20<sup>th</sup> for our quarterly meeting. During this meeting, the committee was informed of some changes with state law concerning bid amounts. Currently, our county must bid any purchase over \$25,000. The state has informed us that our finance office must employ a purchasing agent to remain at our \$25,000 bid limit. If the county does not hire this position, the bid amount must drop to \$10,000. The financial management committee approved a recommendation to the budget committee and the county commission to hire this position.

This new position will have a base salary of \$30,000, plus benefits, which will be a total of \$34,500. As you know, the finance department is funded by four major county departments. Below is the breakdown of what each department will pay...

School System	70% (\$24,122)
County General	19% (\$6,522)
Highway Dept	7.5% (\$2,591)
EMS	3.5% (\$1,265)

Basically, this new position will only cost county general \$6,522. The funding for this position has been approved by the school board and the budget committee. If approved, the attached budget amendment will fund this position and allow for a purchasing agent to be hired.

Please contact my office if you have any additional questions.

Respectfully,

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Chair, Union County Financial Management Committee

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