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Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners Surplus Auctions Goes Online & High Tech

Okaloosa Co., Fla. – The Okaloosa County Florida, Board of County Commissioners has authorized the sale of county surplus items through an online auction at <http://okaloosa.co.us.globalauctionserv.com> or by visiting www.okaloosaf1.com. The first wave of auctions are online now, and consists of materials, equipment, and supplies from the various departments of the county government. These items include: Medical Equipment, Computers, Radio and Communications Equipment, Office Equipment and Furniture, and the remaining Tourist Development Department (TDD) items: Office Furniture, and the two Emerald Coast Custom Bourget Motorcycles. “Larger ticket items, such as furniture or the motorcycles, can also be seen in person, by appointment,” said Zan Fedorak, Okaloosa County, Board of County Commissioners, Purchasing Manager. “This is only the tip of the iceberg.” said Jeffrey Butirro. “There are more items to come, including items from the Courthouse Annex in Shalimar, and even two boarding ramps for regional jets from the airport.” he continued.

These online auctions will be an ongoing process with new items being added as more surplus items are identified. There is an email list sign-up on the page that allows you to be informed as new auctions are added, and a direct link to the Okaloosa-County-Florida-Surplus-Auctions Facebook page. “Please sign up for the email list, and ‘Like’ and ‘Share’ the Facebook page to help us get the word out.” said Kikta. If you don’t see any current items that are of interest to you, sign-up so you can be automatically notified of new items when they become available.

“We look forward to selling the final items remaining from the TDD, in order to recoup those bed tax dollars to put back into our destination advertising, and begin a positive chapter in tourism with newly hired Tourism Director Ed Schroeder,” stated County Administrator Ernie Padgett.

Pursuant to contract # C14-2104-PUR, Aaron Joseph & Company, LLC dba Global Auction Services, FL AB3255, with principal Auctioneers: Joseph F. Kikta, GPPA, CES FL AU4236, and Jeffrey T. Butirro, GPPA FL AU4361, will conduct the sales. These sales will be conducted online. “Conducting the sales online allows for more participation by the local citizens of Okaloosa County, while expanding the county’s reach to bidders across the country, and around the world.” said Joseph Kikta. Previous surplus sales had been on a scheduled day which limited the availability for shoppers. Now anyone, worldwide, can view the items and bid anytime, at their convenience. This expands marketability and has the potential to increase the revenue coming into Okaloosa County.

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