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NEW FLEET MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR NAMED

Immediate Release

MARION COUNTY, Fla. (Sept. 7, 2011) – In a unanimous vote during the Sept. 6 commission meeting, Marion County commissioners confirmed John King as Marion County’s fleet management director. King has been serving as the acting director since the position became vacant in April.

King has more than 30 years of experience in the automotive industry. He began serving Fleet Management as a fleet service writer/technician in 2007 and was promoted to fleet operations manager in 2008.

Through the past four years, King has worked to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the department through various methods. King streamlined standard repair and service processes, ensuring technicians meet or exceed industry time and quality standards. He developed in-house training to ensure every technician was certified through the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. King also played a key role in implementing a computer-generated work order system and improving vehicle logistics and repair scheduling.

As Fleet Management’s director, King oversees the purchasing and maintenance of more than 1,000 vehicles, including fire emergency apparatus, trucks, bulldozers and cars, as well as nearly 400 pieces of machinery. King is also responsible for managing 18 employees and purchasing and tracking the county’s fuel.

“John brings both extensive experience and a fresh perspective to this position,” Public Safety Assistant County Administrator and Fire Chief M. Stuart McElhaney said. “I’m confident he will continually improve fleet through his innovative and resourceful management practices.”

King’s salary will be \$54,870.40.

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