

THORSBY PURCHASES SIDE-LOADER GARBAGE TRUCK



The Town of Thorsby was recently able to purchase a used side-loader garbage truck. The truck was acquired from the City of Panama City, Florida through a government bid site. The purchase price was less than \$27,000.00, which was only a fraction of the original \$300,000+ cost. Panama City is purchasing a new fleet of natural gas powered refuse vehicles and as such, is replacing older vehicles.

The 2010 model Autocar truck is equipped with a McNeillus Side-Loader Refuse Unit. The diesel powered truck had acquired only 84,000 miles and should give long service to the Town of Thorsby. The Town was looking to replace their older rear loading garbage truck to facilitate the removal of collectors from the hazardous job of loading from the rear. The present three man operation will be replaced with only a driver when the new truck goes into service.

The truck will not go into service until the town has purchased the garbage cans, necessary for collection. The replacement 96 gallon containers will be issued to town garbage customers and will replace all other types of accepted trash receptacles. The Town of Thorsby is currently seeking bids for those receptacles.