



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Bids for donated 5 ton vehicle conversion into wild land fire fighting vehicle.

Staff Source: Brett Russell

History/Background Information: We went out to bid for a firefighting bed conversion to a 5 ton donated military truck donated by Tenax energy. The council approved \$45,000 in capital money to go towards this project and the remaining balance will come from the CFD's county fund. The specifications were sent out and we received 3 bids and opened them on Oct. 30th in the council chambers. The bids were as follows:

Watts Manufacturing LLC Salina Kansas:	\$80,988.00
Selman Welding and Fabrication LLC Weatherford OK:	\$88,000.00
Hughes Fabrication Woodward OK:	\$98,000.00

It is my recommendation to accept the bid by Selman Welding and Fabrication for a total of \$88,000.00. Selman welding will be using steel instead of aluminum and their shop is only 20 minutes away. The low bid for this project is using aluminum as the material for the bed which does not work well on a 5 ton grass rig. We currently have a large 7 ton truck with aluminum used as the bed and are constantly dealing with cracked welds and bent items on the bed. The low bid also is located 330 miles away from Clinton which poses a problem when warranty work needs to be done.

Thank you,

Brett A. Russell