



Agenda Commentary

Item Title/ Subject: Purchase of a compact excavator for Water Maint. Dept.

Staff Source: Gary Kluckner, Water Supervisor

Date: July 29th, 2020

History/Background Information: The Water Maint. Dept. uses a backhoe in daily operations for repairing and installing water distribution infrastructure. Many tasks that involve excavation are sometimes overkill for a backhoe, where a compact excavator would be a better fit for the task. The Water Maint. Dept. has budgeted \$50,000 for the purchase of a compact excavator and trailer.

Subject Summary: I received a state contract (Sourcewell Contract #032119-JDC) priced quote from Western Equipment John Deere (attached) for \$33,902.80. I am getting pricing still for a trailer, but expect it to be less than \$10,000, bringing the expenditure at least \$6,000 below the budgeted amount.

Recommendation: I recommend approval of purchasing the compact excavator from Western Equipment.

Price/Cost: \$33,902.80