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Memorandum

Date: August 4, 2015

To: Mayor and City Councilmembers
Douglas Faseler, City Manager

From: Twila Wood, Purchasing Manager

Subject: Purchase of Brush Truck Chassis

The City's Unit 2415 is a 2003 Ford F750 outfitted with a chipper box and would be valued at approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 if the vehicle was operational. This twelve (12) year old brush truck has 185,000 miles and a blown engine which will cost approximately \$12,000 to \$14,000 to replace. Although it is not economically sound to replace the engine, the chipper box is in excellent condition. Staff recommends removing the chipper box and placing it on a new truck chassis.

Quotes for a replacement truck chassis were obtained from three (3) vendors based on their contracts with the various purchasing cooperatives. Prices ranged from \$66,764.39 to \$74,450. The lowest price was presented by Silsbee Ford in Silsbee, Texas offering a 2015 Ford F-750 utilizing the BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative contract which meets all State bidding requirements.

The truck is in stock locally and can be delivered immediately. After receipt of the truck, modifications are expected to be completed in approximately two (2) weeks. The chipper box will be fitted to the new truck and is expected to require only minor modifications. The transfer will cost an estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000 based on the complexity of the actual modifications and will be completed by a third party in a separate purchase transaction. Additional estimated costs to complete the brush truck include the installation of emergency lights (\$550) and a two-way radio (\$1,100).

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of the 2015 Ford F-750 truck chassis from Silsbee Ford in the amount of \$66,764.39 utilizing the BuyBoard contract.

Funding for the purchase is contingent upon Council's approval of the budget adjustment request included in tonight's agenda.