City of Bowie
Memorandum

Thursday, November 20, 2025
Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. Food Waste Collection Truck

In preparation to expand the food waste collection program, the Public Works department needs to purchase a food waste collection truck, which will be used by the solid waste division. The Public Works Department received and analyzed the results of a COSTARS Pennsylvania Department of General Services bid and determined that GranTurk Equipment Company, Inc. of Baltimore, Maryland, was awarded a contract for food waste collection trucks meeting the needs of the solid waste division. Seeking new bids would not be expected to yield better results. The cost of the truck is $251,088.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to GranTurk Equipment Company, Inc. in the amount of $251,088.

2. Replacement of Backhoe Loader #475

Backhoe loader #475, used by staff at the wastewater treatment plant to load sludge for hauling, has several issues requiring repair; however, making repairs is not cost effective due to the age of the equipment. The superintendent of the wastewater treatment plant is currently renting a loader at a cost of $4,000 per month. The Public Works Department received and analyzed the results of a Sourcewell bid and determined that John Deere was awarded a contract for backhoe loaders meeting the needs of the wastewater treatment plant. A local authorized John Deere distributor is James River Equipment of Baltimore, Maryland. Seeking new bids would not be expected to yield better results. The cost of the backhoe loader is $171,855.24.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to James River Equipment in the amount of $171,855.24.

3. Information Technology – Replacement Primary Backup System

The FY26 budget includes funding in the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement fund to replace the primary backup system for Information Technology. The department has selected the Dell PowerProtect 6410 with 48TB of storage for $77,320.00. The City will purchase the backup device through DataNetworks utilizing the State of Maryland Hardware & Services contract 060B2490022. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to DataNetworks for $77,320.00.