



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS City Council Agenda Communication

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Agenda Item: Message Board Purchase Consideration

Explanation: The City had two Wanco message boards after the tornado in 2013. One message board was taken back to Tazewell County and the other was salvaged and repaired by the City Mechanic after it was pulled from a ravine. The repaired message board is beyond any further repair and needs to be replaced. The city does not own this message board and the police department has reached out to the owners (United Rentals of New Hampshire) to see whether or not they want the unit back or not. United Rentals has title to this message board.

The Street Department budgeted funds to purchase a new message board for alerting motorist and the traveling public of an event, road closure, directions, or anything we can program into the message board to get our message out.

Staff has sought quotes for the purchase of a large type message board with the results of these efforts below.

Midwest Construction Services	\$15,700 WANCO
RoadSafe	\$17,970 WANCO
Reagan traffic Control	\$18,375 WANCO

Fiscal Impact: \$22,000 has been budgeted in account #100-003-800-1500

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: Staff recommends purchase of the message board from Midwest Construction Services of Bartonville Illinois and request an amount be approved to cover shipping, estimated to be \$600.

Action Requested: Staff request approval of a not to exceed amount of \$17,969 for purchase of the message board from MCS of Bartonville, Il to cover any unforeseen costs.