



**CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS**  
**Committee of the Whole Agenda Communication**

**Meeting Date:** Monday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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**Agenda Item:** WWTP Sludge Drying Bed Catwalk Purchase Discussion

**Explanation:** Every spring through fall the wastewater treatment plant utilizes sludge drying beds to dry sludge produced during the treatment process. Staff walks along the main pipe sliding their feet between the pipe and concrete wall. This creates a fall hazard that staff is looking to eliminate. Staff reached out to get quotes on an 18-inch catwalk with hand rail that would allow staff to walk along the sludge pipes to open and close valves safely. Below are the quotes from Hartland Fabrication and Miller Welding.

Hartland Fabrication	\$35,200.00
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Miller Custom Welding	\$43,500.00
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**Fiscal Impact:** Not-to-Exceed \$36,000.00 for Catwalk Construction.

**Staff's Recommendation:** Staff would recommend installing a catwalk along the sludge drying beds.  
This would allow drying beds to be poured safely by eliminating the fall risk.

**Action Requested:** Committee discussion and direction.