



# Board of County Commissioners Agenda Request

**5A**  
Agenda Item #

**Requested Meeting Date:** 10-25-22

**Title of Item:** Equipment Purchase - Used Motor Grader

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> REGULAR AGENDA	<b>Action Requested:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direction Requested
<input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT AGENDA	<input type="checkbox"/> Approve/Deny Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Item
<input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION ONLY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopt Resolution (attach draft) <i>*provide copy of hearing notice that was published</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Public Hearing*

<b>Submitted by:</b> John Welle	<b>Department:</b> Highway Department
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<b>Presenter (Name and Title):</b> John Welle, Aitkin County Engineer	<b>Estimated Time Needed:</b> 5 minutes
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**Summary of Issue:**  
Unit 211, a Caterpillar motor grader, is programmed for replacement in the revised 2023 Capital Equipment Budget with a replacement cost of \$270,000. This 1989 motor grader, with over 17,000 hours of use is the last of the seven-unit fleet of motor graders to be replaced. Recent drastic increases in equipment costs put the replacement cost with a new motor grader at an estimated \$325,000-\$375,000. A used 2011 Caterpillar 140M with only 735 hours of use (284 hours of actual use, 451 idle hours) was located by maintenance staff at a heavy equipment dealership in Bellevue, Iowa. For comparison, hours of use for our existing seven-unit fleet averages approximately 700 hours per year per moter grader. This machine had been previously owned by a state highway department and upon inspection by maintenance staff, found to be in excellent condition and very lightly used.

Statutory bidding language required sealed bids for this purchase, therefore a sealed bid advertisement was placed and bids were opened for a used motor grader on Monday, October 17, 2022. One bid was received from J.J. Scheckel Corp. of Bellevue, IA for the 2011 Caterpillar 140M with 735 hours of use at a cost of \$232,800.

Unit 211 is proposed to be sold on an online auction service with the approximate \$35,000 proceeds being used for typical attachments/modifications needed for this machine including blade extension, front dozer, and rear compactor.

**Alternatives, Options, Effects on Others/Comments:**

**Recommended Action/Motion:**  
Recommend award of bid by attached resolution.

**Financial Impact:**  
 Is there a cost associated with this request?  Yes  No  
 What is the total cost, with tax and shipping? \$ 232,800  
 Is this budgeted?  Yes  No *Please Explain:*  
 Cost is budgeted in 2023.

**CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTION OF COUNTY BOARD OF AITKIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ADOPTED October 25, 2022

By Commissioner: xxx

**20221025-xxx**

**Motor Grader Bid**

**WHEREAS**, sealed bids were opened for a used motor grader at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2022 with a total of one bid received, and

**WHEREAS**, J.J. Scheckel Corp., Bellevue, IA was the lowest responsible bidder in the amount of \$232,800.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that J.J. Scheckel Corp. be awarded the used motor grader bid.

Commissioner xxx moved the adoption of the resolution and it was declared adopted upon the following vote

FIVE MEMBERS PRESENT

All Members Voting Yes

**STATE OF MINNESOTA}  
COUNTY OF AITKIN}**

I, Jessica Seibert, County Administrator, Aitkin County, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution filed in the Administration Office of Aitkin County in Aitkin, Minnesota as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said Board on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, and that the same is a true and correct copy of the whole thereof.

**Witness my hand and seal this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022**

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Jessica Seibert