

CHIEFS REPORT

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At last month's meeting we received five bid proposals for the new fire truck. The proposals were as follows; Pierce - \$415,359.87, Sutphen - \$409,612.00, Summit - \$395,979.34, Smeal - \$393,950.00 and Rosenbauer - \$374,883.00. This past month we reviewed all five proposals and narrowed it down to two, the Smeal and Rosenbauer proposals. We traveled over to the Bowling Green Fire School in March to look at several Rosenbauer trucks that were on display at the school. We have since then talked with several Departments that have Rosenbauer trucks and none of these departments had anything bad to say about the trucks. We also talked to an individual who is well versed in different brands of fire apparatus and engines and again we did not hear anything bad about either company. What it comes down to is do we want a 2009 engine verses a 2010 engine with the new emission standards and that is basically the difference in price of the two lowest bidders. We have a concern on how well the 2010 engines will perform in a fire service application and all of the unknowns with the new technology. We did not take any of this lightly and we had several discussions with both vendors. I believe both vendors produce a quality truck but at this time we are going to recommend the Rosenbauer bid for the new truck.

Maintenance Issues;

AC – 2; 2002 Chevy Blazer, was sent over to Jays Body Shop to readjust the driver and passenger door. While using this vehicle last Saturday at a fire in the heavy winds the doors were knocked out of adjustment.

992; 1986 GMC Engine, was sent to American Enterprise to have the brakes checked and adjusted. They also repaired a plumbing leak on the pump and replaced a muffler.

As you are aware we received a Fire Grant for the purchase of a Hydraulic Rescue Tool (to include a power unit, combination tool, ram and hydraulic hose) and Five inch fire supply hose (2000 feet). Now that the weather is starting too warmed up we are going to start looking at rescue tools and we are having several vendors coming in to demonstrate the different tools. These demonstrations will take place outback in the training area. Station 1 will have members here for the demonstration. After these demonstrations we will request proposals for the tool and hose and then be ready to move on the grant.

Respectfully,