

City of Bel Aire, Kansas

STAFF REPORT

DATE: September 01, 2026

TO: Governing Body

FROM: Chief Darrell Atteberry

RE: Mobile Data Computer Purchase



BACKGROUND:

AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION: The City of Bel Aire Police Department seeks approval for the purchase of nine Panasonic Toughbook FZ-56 mobile data computers.

The police department is budgeted through the Equipment Replacement Fund to purchase mobile data computers for our vehicles.

BACKGROUND HISTORY: The City of Bel Aire Police Department maintains a fleet of eight patrol vehicles that all use mobile computers. One mobile computer is used as a backup. The FZ-56 mobile data computers will fit in the computer mounts currently installed in our vehicles. The Panasonic Toughbook computers are fully ruggedized and can withstand the rigors of police work better than other non-ruggedized computers.

The current mobile computers are past the end of their police patrol life cycle. They are out of warranty and the current model, FZ-55, is no longer in production.

The police vehicle mobile computers give officers access to the systems they use for field investigations, records and criminal justice information, and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD). CAD helps officers receive and manage calls for service, call details and history, updates to their status, and allows communications with dispatch through messaging RMS. The computers let officer's complete incident, accident, arrest, and other reports. The officers can also access field mapping and GIS tools that show maps of call locations, addresses, patrol areas, property details, and when available the locations of units

These computers also connect officers to Kansas criminal justice information systems which are linked to national information systems. They allow authorized officers to run driver's license and vehicle registration checks, look up wanted people, warrants, stolen vehicles, missing persons, and other records. In certain situations, the officers can access approved criminal history information.

Additionally, the computers provide access to law enforcement tools for traffic citation preparation, case evidence, jail information, and sex & violent offender database information. The officers can also access their city email, training information, policies, and other applications specific to our agency.

After checking with our approved vendor, CDW, we received a bid for the replacement of our computers. (Attached.) The vendor used a government contract that allows government entities such as the Bel Aire Police Department to make our purchase at a competitive price.

CDW selected the AEPA Kansas contract. The AEPA Kansas contract beat four other quotes.

AEPA Kansas - CDW	9	\$4,166.66	\$37,499.85
TSP Target	9	\$4,385.35	\$39,468.15
SW24-121923-G	9	\$4,451.14	\$40,060.26
Omnia-GOV	9	\$4,498.00	\$40,482.00
TSP Start	9	\$4,604.62	\$41,441.58

The funding for this purchase will come from the Equipment Reserve Fund.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommend approval to purchase nine Panasonic Toughbook FZ-56 mobile data computers from CDW under the AEPA Kansas contract at a price of \$37,499.85.