

City of Bel Aire, Kansas

STAFF REPORT

DATE: 07/15/2025

TO: City Manager

FROM: Marty McGee

RE: Emergency Valve Replacement South Tower



BACKGROUND: The south water tower has four valves to isolate the tower for maintenance, three of the valves have failed preventing the ability to take the tower out of service to complete scheduled maintenance or in the event of an emergency. The three valves that have failed are 12” valves installed in 1983; the fourth valve is a 16” valve that was installed in 2006 which is currently functioning.

DISCUSSION: During routine maintenance of the south water tower staff discovered two of the three valves are leaking by preventing the ability to isolate the tower from the water system, the third valve has snapped during shutoff; these valves are of critical importance to the City’s water infrastructure and ability to control water levels in the South tower.

Due to the urgent nature of the repairs needed, staff was only able to obtain bids from two contractors.

Contractors	Bid amount
UMC	\$36,750.00
McCullough	\$45,110.00

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS: Funding for this project will be taken from the water operations line.

POLICY DECISION: Staff is adhering to City policy in gathering a minimum of three bids.

RECOMENDATION: Staff recommends the City Council accept the bid from UMC not to exceed the amount of \$36,750.00



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