

Memorandum



Date: March 4, 2026
To: Buchanan City Commission
From: Mike Baker
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Cold Patch

Background

Cold asphalt patch is a ready to use asphalt mixture that can be applied to repair potholes and other pavement failures without heating. It is particularly important to have on hand during the spring months when the freeze and thaw cycle causes pavement to expand and contract, leading to potholes and road surface deterioration. Having cold patch readily available allows the Department of Public Works to quickly address these issues and maintain safe driving conditions on city streets.

Staff is requesting authorization to purchase 50 tons of cold patch asphalt from Ace-Saginaw Paving Company at a cost of \$150.00 per ton, for a total purchase price of \$7,500.00.

This purchase will be made under the terms of the Berrien County Road Department's competitively bid contract, in which Ace-Saginaw Paving Company was the low responsive bidder. Utilizing the County's contract allows the City to obtain materials at a price that reflects the County's significantly larger annual purchase volume.

This approach is similar to the City's use of the State of Michigan MiDeal program, where goods and services procured through the State's competitive bidding process are made available to local municipalities. By purchasing under the terms of the County's contract, the City is adhering to the spirit of competitive bidding while benefiting from the lower pricing that results from the County's larger scale procurement.

Because the Berrien County Road Department purchases significantly more asphalt patch annually than the City, their contract pricing provides a more favorable rate than the City would likely receive through a standalone purchase.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Commission authorize the purchase of 50 tons of cold asphalt patch from Ace-Saginaw Paving Company at \$150.00 per ton for a total cost of \$7,500.00, under the terms of the Berrien County Road Department's competitively bid contract.

Attachment A: Ace-Saginaw Paving Company Quote

Attachment A





Ace-Saginaw Paving Company
5414 W. Rolling Hills Dr. Bridgeport, MI. 48722
Phone 810-238-1737 Fax 810-238-4326
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City of Buchanan
302 N. Redbud Trail
Buchanan, MI 49107

RE: COLD PATCH

Mike Baker, Director of Public Services

Ace-Saginaw Paving Co. is pleased to quote the following for your 2026 seasonal requirements of cold patch.

QPR High Performance	Delivered	\$150.00 PER TON
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Prices are firm until 3/3/27
50 ton loads
2 day notice on deliveries

ACE - SAGINAW PAVING CO.

Nathan Gotts
Project Manager / Estimator



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