

Memorandum



Date: January 21, 2026
To: Buchanan City Commission
From: Tony McGhee
Subject: Authorization to Purchase Equipment

Background

The City's current woodchipper has significantly exceeded its expected useful life and has become increasingly unreliable. The chipper is a critical piece of equipment for the City's Public Services operations, supporting routine tree maintenance, storm response, and right of way clearing. Continued use of the existing unit increases the risk of downtime, higher maintenance costs, and service disruptions.

For procurement purposes, the City utilized the State of Michigan's MiDeal program. Through MiDeal, the State competitively bids a wide range of goods and services and makes those contracts available to local units of government at State negotiated pricing. By purchasing through MiDeal, the City received a discount of \$9,410 off standard pricing. Use of this cooperative purchasing program ensures compliance with purchasing requirements while providing cost savings and eliminating the need for the City to conduct a separate bidding process.

Replacing the existing chipper is necessary to maintain reliable public services operations. The proposed purchase is budgeted, cost effective, and leverages State purchasing power to achieve savings. For these reasons, staff recommends approval of the purchase as presented.

Recommendation:

Approve the purchase of a new 12 inch drum style chipper from Bandit Industries of Remus, Michigan, in the amount of \$37,890, utilizing the State of Michigan MiDeal cooperative purchasing program. Replacement of the chipper was planned and budgeted for in the current fiscal year, and sufficient funds are available to complete the purchase.

Attachment A: Chipper Equipment Quote