

Staff Report

Subject: Purchase of Backhoe Loader for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

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Department: Procurement, Public Works

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

Item Description: Consideration to approve the purchase award to Dobbs Equipment, LLC for one (1) John Deere 410 P Backhoe Loader and attachments for use by the Effingham County Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Summary Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the purchase and award of contract to Dobbs Equipment, LLC in the amount of \$125,000.00, the most responsive and responsible proposer.

Executive Summary / Background:

Effingham County issued RFP No. 25-REQ-104 on October 29, 2025, to solicit proposals for the purchase of a new backhoe loader. The equipment is intended to replace a **2004 Caterpillar 420 Backhoe** that has reached the end of its service life.

The new backhoe loader will be utilized at the **Wastewater Treatment Plant** for the following operational needs:

- Unloading bulk material
- Daily sludge operations
- Repair of sewer lines
- Drainage and site maintenance activities

Four proposals were received and evaluated based on price, equipment compliance, and vendor responsiveness. **Dobbs Equipment, LLC** received the highest evaluation score of **91.33%**. Their proposal met all technical requirements and provided strong post-delivery support and timely delivery.

Their quote includes:

- John Deere 410 P Backhoe Loader
- 24" Rear Bucket
- General Purpose Front Bucket
- Pallet Fork Attachment

Total purchase cost: **\$125,000.00**, as documented in PO# 20251202.

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Approve the purchase and contract award to Dobbs Equipment, LLC.
2. Reject all proposals and reissue the RFP.

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: Procurement, Public Works

Funding Source: WWTP FY26 Capital Improvement Projects Backhoe Replacement

Attachments:

- Evaluation Tabulation – RFP 25-REQ-104
- Purchase Order – Dobbs Equipment
- Dobbs Equipment Quote – GA6825-000088