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STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

FROM: Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

ITEM: **Item: Consideration of Bids in Response to the Town's Issuance of a RFP for Water Meters**

MEETING DATE: December 9, 2025

Summary:

In June, 2026, the Town received a grant from the Water Finance Authority (WIFA) for water meters with the overarching goals of conserving water and having real-time accurate data. The Town subsequently issued a RFP to receive proposals from eligible vendors and to obtain more information regarding the automated meters. The Town received seven (7) bids, all of which could be purchased utilizing the Town's FY 2026 budgeted funds and the WIFA grant. Town staff have analyzed the bids and will discuss at the meeting certain recommendations. Town staff also request Council to assist in identifying 2-3 vendors you would like to meet with prior to making a final decision. During the process I believe you will learn that the meters pose no health risks and are actually more safe than a cell phone or microwave oven.

Fiscal Impact:

The Town has received an 80% grant from WIFA for \$206,000~. The impact to the Town would be the remaining 20% which was budgeted for in line item 20-50-6230 that with 42% of the budget year elapsed has expended only \$7,860 out of \$175,000.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend Council identify 2-3 vendors to invite back for in-depth questions, answers and understanding of their bid, installation process, meters used, meter reading processes, warranty, trouble shooting, etc.