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# TOWN OF JEROME

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## STAFF SUMMARY REPORT

**FROM:** Brett Klein, Town Manager/Clerk

**ITEM:** **Item: Consider Purchase of a Garbage / Refuse Rear Loader Truck**

**MEETING DATE:** February 10, 2026

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### **Summary:**

During the January 13<sup>th</sup> Special Budget Meeting, Council were presented with four quotes for a new refuse truck. The quotes were solicited from two vendors, both of whom qualify for the Town to receive only one quote as they are members of government purchasing cooperatives and / or the State contract. We also received one quote (Quote #4025) from Short Equipment, Inc., for a lightly used truck. The Town has been searching for years for a quality, lightly used truck, however, they just do not become available very often. Staff recommended the purchase of the used truck based on its near-immediate availability, along with the quality and its light use to-date. Council were in agreement and directed staff to pursue this option and secure a loan for the purchase. This purchase is being made in accord with Town of Jerome purchasing guidelines based on the emergent need to secure a new garbage truck. Our current truck has received over \$20,000 in repairs over the past two years, has been out of commission for numerous days and weeks for repairs thereby causing a health and welfare issue with trash piling up and spilling over out of the dumpsters, and has even broken down in both mid pick-up and traveling to the dump. These breakdowns are becoming increasingly frequent in recent weeks / months. We have been fortunate to have a qualified mechanic nearby who has spent hours both at his shop and in Town doing everything possible to keep the truck running. Moreover, during times when the truck has been out of commission, public works staff have had to wade through the dumpsters to complete pick-up, which is a potentially extremely hazardous and dangerous situation.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

The truck will cost approximately \$230,000.00 with everything included, such as tax, title, license, ADOT certification number, delivery and freight. The final amount will be included in the loan documents.

### **Recommendation:**

Approve the emergency purchase.