

CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Presenter:	Jason Anderson
Meeting Date:	Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Category:	AWARD OF BIDS
Type:	ACTION
Subject:	Project AP-051: Self-Propelled Runway Snow Blower for Airport – 1) Consider Award of Bids; 2) Authorization to Submit FAA Grant Request
Background Information:	The Airport is in need of a new Runway Snow Blower to ensure safe airport operations after snowfall events. The Airport’s existing Runway Snow Blower is a 1983 model that is 43 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. This item was presented to the Airport Commission at their meeting on 12/01/2025 and also to the Equipment Review Committee on 06/09/2026. City Council authorized advertisement for bids at the 06/09/2026 meeting. Bids were received on July 9, 2026. One bid was received from M-B Companies Inc. of Chilton, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$706,175.11 as shown on the attached bid tabulation. Attached is award recommendation letter from TKDA. With Council authorization, City staff will submit for FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) and Airport Infrastructure Grant (AIG) funding to total 95% of the equipment cost. In addition, staff will submit for State Airport Funds (SAF) in the amount of 2.5% of equipment costs. The remaining 2.5%, estimated at \$17,654.38, is proposed to be covered with local dollars.
Fiscal Impact:	The Airport CIP includes this project in the budget for \$900,000 in total cost (including State and Federal share of project expenses). Funding share for this purchase was estimated at \$634,500 federal and \$265,500 Bonding Levy. Costs came in below budget estimate because we were required to move to a smaller, less flexible machine to meet FAA funding criteria. Originally, staff proposed a “class IV” machine that could drop the blower and allow attachment of a broom or plow. FAA only allowed for a “class III” machine, and this machine will be a blower only.
Alternative/ Variations:	No alternative actions are recommended.
Recommendations:	Recommendation No. 1 that the Council award the contract for the above-referenced unit to M-B Companies Inc. of Chilton, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$706,175.11, per the recommendation from TKDA and contingent on pending grant funding. Recommendation No. 2 that the Council authorize City staff to submit for FAA Grants to cover up to 95% of equipment purchase price.