

Hiawatha Commission approves fire truck purchase

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha Fire Department is replacing its aerial ladder truck with a newer model.

The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening approved the purchase of a used 1998 truck from Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus in the amount of \$80,000, with the trade-in of the department's current 1978 truck.

It was the lone bid received.

The aerial ladder doesn't work on the existing truck.

The 1998 truck has 12,000 miles.

Fire Chief Gene Atland, in a memorandum to Commissioners, said the truck is currently in service in Brillion, Wisconsin and is to be delivered to Hiawatha in March of next year.

Atland said the truck meets or exceeds all of the bid specifications.

City Administrator Mike Nichols said between capital improvement funds and the fire department's 2020 budget, there are ample funds to purchase the truck.

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