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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 the truck.**

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