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**Requested Council Meeting Date: April 4, 2016**  
**Council Bill No. 2016-115**  
**Item: Purchase of Drake –Scruggs Bucket Truck**

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**Originating Department: PUBLIC WORKS – OPERATIONS**

Attachments: 1) Council Bill No. 2016-115  
2) Specification quote for the MoDOT Bid from Drake-Scruggs Equipment Inc.

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**Recommended Action:** Approval for the purchase of a Bucket Truck from Drake-Scruggs Equipment Inc. 5500 Ram chassis in the amount of \$106,423.00 for the Street Maintenance Division.

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**Background:** In planning for the 2015-2016 budget, the fifteen year old Bucket Truck and the maximum capacity for weight for installing/replacing mast arms and signal heads for traffic signals concerned the city staff. This led to the recommendation for replacement of the equipment. Historically, the truck replaced by the Street Division will then go to the Airport Division replacing the Bucket Truck there that is a Ford 450 with aerial bucket from 1990. This Bucket Truck is used minimally and more suits the purpose with the capacity.

**Discussion:** Following the approval of the FY 2015-2016 Operating Budget, city staff used the MoDOT state bid to find a replacement for the Bucket Truck and optimizing options to increase the boom vertical lift and the capacity of the aerial bucket. The decision was made by the Public Works Department to use the state bid to purchase one Bucket Truck from Drake-Scruggs Equipment Inc. in the amount of \$106,423.00. This Bucket Truck will replace the one currently being used by the Street Division which will then replace the one being used by the Airport Division. The Bucket Truck at the Airport will then be put in the PWC lot to await the city surplus auction.

**Recommendation:** City staff recommends that the City accept the bid as described for the purchase of a Bucket Truck and be approved on an emergency basis per Section 2.12 (1 & 4) of the Joplin City Charter due to lead time to assemble and fabricate vehicle aerial lift system with options.