

## COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: INCREASE PURCHASE ORDER TO BOONE COUNTY LANDFILL FOR RESOURCE RECOVERY WASTE DISPOSAL OPERATIONS**

### **BACKGROUND:**

On February 28, 2012 Council awarded a contract for joint and cooperative action for waste disposal operations by Boone County and the City of Ames, Iowa. The period from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, is the fifth of ten 12-month extension periods. Each extension requires funding approval by Council. The approved FY 2016/17 budget includes \$813,750 for this work.

The amount estimated to be disposed was 17,500 tons. **Staff now estimates the actual amount to be disposed will be 20,125 tons, for an additional cost of \$122,063, bringing the amount of the current purchase order to \$935,813.** This is mainly due to an increase of processed tons of 12.5% over last year. Additionally, the incoming solid waste is being processed in a manner to provide higher quality refuse derived fuel (RDF) to the power plant to reduce issues during electric production, which leads to an increase in reject material. **The increase was anticipated at the time of final amendments to the operating budget and is covered with various identified savings within the current amended budget.**

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve a change order to purchase order #53041 in the amount of \$122,063 to cover the cost of the additional tonnage of waste that was deposited in the Boone Landfill.
2. Do not approve the change order.

### **MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Resource Recovery Plant is experiencing an increase in processed tons from what was expected and is striving to provide a high quality RDF product to the Power Plant. A result of these factors is an increase in reject tonnage.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, as described above.