

**AGENDA # K.26**  
**Scio Township Board of Trustees**  
**Authorization of Additional Funds for Nature's Choice Outdoor Services**

**FOR MEETING DATE OF:** March 24, 2026

**PREPARED ON:** March 18, 2026

**PREPARED BY:** Kristy Aiken

**SUBMITTED BY:** Operations

**ITEM TYPE:** Possible Action

**BACKGROUND:** The DDA had entered into a contract with Nature's Choice Outdoor Services for maintenance and snow removal along Jackson Boulevard. After the dissolution of the DDA, the Township assumed responsibility for all outstanding liabilities. The Office Coordinator and Township Attorney met with a representative of Nature's Choice to confirm the understanding of the terms of the contract. The Board ratified this contract in the amount of \$73,750.00 on October 14, 2025.

Unfortunately, the Office Coordinator was unaware that the contractor was nearing and quickly exceeded the authorized amount. With contracts such as this, it is necessary to inspect and confirm that each plowing, mowing, and salting services. Prior to this contractor, the Township had a similar challenge monitoring the KBK contract.

In order to correct this once and for all, the Office Coordinator has directed Project Manager Cheng to oversee the any contract related to the maintenance of Jackson Boulevard. The Office Coordinator and Project Manager have discussed the expectation that inspections would be necessary in the future. Also, the outstanding liability committed by the dissolved DDA has been paid. The finance department and Treasurer may now proceed with the final reconciliation and distribution of funds to the taxing units. The proposed funding for this contract will be from general fund 101-443 (Jackson Road Boulevard), and the Office Coordinator recommends, or anticipates, any work will be supported in part by the state right of way funding which previously was used to maintain the boulevard.

We will continue to rely on Nature's Choice Outdoor Services until the Board has approved another contractor.

In total, increased service demands during the winter of 2025-2026 have resulted in costs exceeding the original contract amount by \$31,850. Additionally, two fall service invoices exceeded the mowing and fertilizing contract by \$3,400.

Prepared by the Office Coordinator with input from the Clerk.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$35,250 from 101-443

**RECOMMENDATION:** Office Coordinator and Clerk recommend approval

**MODEL MOTION:** To authorize additional funds in the amount of \$35,250 from fund 101-443 to cover costs exceeding the original contract amount for Nature's Choice Outdoor Services.