

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on September 18, 2014. The meeting was convened at 8:45 a.m. by Chairman McCormack. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Bruce McCormack, Chairman, Cody
Clair Anderson, Vice Chairman, Riverton
Ted Ertman, Commissioner, Newcastle
K. John Dooley, Commissioner, Laramie
Bob Ruwart, Commissioner, Wheatland
Todd Seeton, Commissioner, Jackson
John Cox, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were: Delbert McOmie, Chief Engineer; Gregg Fredrick, Assistant Chief Engineer of Engineering and Planning; Ken Shultz, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Tom Loftin, Support Services Administrator; Colonel John Butler, Highway Patrol Administrator; Dennis Byrne, Aeronautics Administrator; Mike Kahler, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; and Joe Dailey, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Others present: Rod Liesinger, Sheridan County Public Works Director, Sheridan, Wyoming; Paul Niedermuller and Allison Slife, CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, Greenwood Village, Colorado; Jeff McDonald, President, Greg Johnson, Vice President, and Brad Olson, Project Estimator, Oftedal Construction; Katie Pfister, Aeronautics Commission Secretary; and Kristin Burkart, Internal Review Services Manager.

Commissioner Milt Coulter, of Gillette, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman McCormack led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Changes/Additions to the Agenda: Secretary Scott advised that Item 9.c (1) (a), Resolution for Condemnation for the Yellowstone to Cody (Wapiti East Section), in Park County, should be removed from the agenda, as the matter is expected to be resolved very soon.

It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried to remove Item 9.c(1)(a) from the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Vice Chairman Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2014, teleconference business meeting.

4. Correspondence: Secretary Scott presented an August 29, 2014, letter from Ms. Susan Kurland, Assistant Secretary for Aviation and Internal Affairs, U.S. Department of Transportation, in Washington, D.C. Ms. Kurland responded to the Commission's August 20 letter requesting an exemption from the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Rule, Part 135. The letter states that the recent changes to pilot training requirements are the responsibility of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). Ms. Kurland indicated that the Transportation Commission's letter was forwarded to the FAA for its consideration.

Secretary Scott also presented a letter from Wyoming Senator Drew Perkins regarding safety and other issues caused by the reconstruction of Highway 220 in Natrona County. Director Cox prepared a preliminary response to Senator Perkins, advising that the Department is investigating his concerns. A more detailed reply will be made to Senator Perkins by the end of September.

4. Director Cox presented the Director's report.

Joint Transportation, Highways and Military Affairs Committee (JTC) Meeting: Director Cox thanked Chairman McCormack and Vice Chairman Anderson for their attendance at the September 8-9, 2014, JTC meeting in Riverton. Director Cox believed it was beneficial to have them there, and he expressed his appreciation for their taking the time to attend.

WYOLINK Update: The WYOLINK System was established after the September 11, 2001, disaster. WYDOT was tasked by the legislature and the governor's office over 10 years ago to build the necessary infrastructure and to manage the system. Most of the WYOLINK system today is built on the backbone of the old high-band system, including the towers and the trunk relay system, which was owned by the Transportation Commission. The core project is nearly complete, with only a few places in western Wyoming lacking coverage today. WYDOT is working with the Forest Service and other entities to secure locations for the towers that are needed.

WYDOT is working with Governor Mead's office and the Public Safety Communications Commission (PSCC) to clarify responsibilities of specific components of the WYOLINK system. WYDOT believes its future responsibility lies with maintaining the system's core backbone. The Department has submitted a supplemental budget request through Governor Mead for the purchase of software that will allow the end user more flexibility and cost savings when purchasing portable radios and other necessary incidentals to connect with the WYOLINK system. The software would make some non-Motorola base station (console) radios compatible with existing WYOLINK equipment.

Messrs. McDonald, Olson, and Johnson, of Oftedal Construction, entered the meeting.

5. Mr. Freier presented the Budget report.

Monthly Budget Report: The September 2014 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 85 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 86 percent expended, which is within budget tolerances.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Operating Budget: The annual budget was presented in detail at a meeting held in the Commission Room on Wednesday, September 17, 2014. Mr. Freier thanked the Commission for the time spent in reviewing the FY 2015 budget summaries and the budget presentation. Mr. Freier asked if the Commission had any questions for him regarding the budget details that were presented on September 17. The Commission offered no questions.

It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve the FY 2015 Operating Budget.

6. Mr. McOmie presented the Chief Engineer's report.

Sheridan County Commission Road Improvement Program (CRIP) Funding Request for Holloway Avenue: Mr. Liesinger presented a request on behalf of Sheridan County for Commission Road Improvement Program (CRIP) funding for a project on Holloway Avenue in Sheridan County.

On behalf of the Sheridan County Commission, Mr. Liesinger thanked the Transportation Commission and WYDOT for their assistance and support for past projects in Sheridan County, particularly WYDOT's District 4 staff in Sheridan. Sheridan County has approximately \$2.5 million in its current capital improvement program, and it maintains over 500 miles of roads, of which about 30 miles are paved.

Mr. Liesinger requested CRIP funding for a four-block section of Holloway Avenue, from 11th Street to 15th Street, on the north edge of Sheridan. A map was provided that showed the proposed project. A landslide occurred on Dana Avenue, a few blocks to the east of Holloway Avenue, which necessitated closing the two-block area where the slide occurred. That traffic was routed to Holloway Avenue, which now needs to be repaired. At the time of the closure, Dana Avenue was carrying about 1,000 vehicles per day, and it was a primary collector route in Sheridan. A chip seal was done on Holloway Avenue last summer, but the repair was short-lived because of the harsh winter and the increased traffic.

Mr. Liesinger met with Messrs. Mark Gillett and Rich Hall of the WYDOT district office in Sheridan to discuss a potential road exchange, which is one of the criteria of receiving CRIP funding. Mr. Gillett suggested that Sheridan County take on snow maintenance on a five-mile section of Highway 332, from Brundage Lane to the Big Horn "Y," in exchange for WYDOT providing the funding. Mr. Liesinger advised that this section of roadway would be a fair exchange for the funding, if it is approved.

The Sheridan County Engineer estimates the project will cost about \$1,005,890.63 for curb and gutter and a pavement overlay. The estimate includes preliminary and construction engineering costs. Mr. Liesinger advised that the City of Sheridan will share 50 percent of the total project cost.

Commissioner Ertman asked for clarification of where the Holloway Avenue city limits ends, as it appears that only half of the proposed reconstruction project is on county property. In accordance with WYDOT Operating Policy 2-1, only county roads are eligible for CRIP funding. Only two blocks of Holloway Road are currently deemed county property. Mr. Liesinger advised that the process has begun for the county to assume responsibility of the northern two blocks of Holloway Road, and that process should be complete sometime this fall.

Commissioner Ertman voiced the importance of keeping the integrity of the Department's Operating Policy. Director Cox suggested postponing a decision about offering CRIP funding until the Sheridan County formally accepts full responsibility for the road.

Mr. McOmie explained that it typically takes a couple of months to finalize a CRIP funding agreement. In the meantime, perhaps Sheridan County could attain the necessary legal ownership of the roadway so that CRIP funding could be granted. Mr. McOmie suggested working with Mr. Liesinger and with the Sheridan County Commission to take the necessary steps to work out the details so that an agreement can be reached.

Mr. McOmie asked if the project was designed in accordance with federal guidelines, as CRIP funding comes from federal resources. Mr. Liesinger advised that the Sheridan County Engineer is very familiar with federal requirements and that the proposed project was designed to federal specifications.

Chairman McCormack asked if Sheridan County has explored other funding sources for the project. Mr. Liesinger indicated that the county has sought funding from the State Land and Investment Board (SLIB) in recent years, but the SLIB does not typically fund road improvement projects. Sheridan County has also sought High Risk Rural Roads (HRRR) funding, but HRRR funding is usually reserved for projects involving excessive highway safety issues.

Mr. Liesinger felt it was a good idea for Sheridan County to proceed with designating Holloway Avenue as an official county road, and asked that the Commission not take action on his request until the county can do so.

Ms. Slife and Mr. Neidermuller, of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP, and Messrs. Stearns and Downey entered the meeting.

Tow Plow Briefing: One of the two new tow plows was delivered to the Casper district office, and the second one is expected to be delivered within a few months. Mr. McOmie shared photos of the new addition to the fleet. The new units will be able to clear the entire width of the

interstate in one pass, requiring only one driver, so they are expected to increase efficiency in snow operations. The tow plows will be used only on the interstate for now, but the Department may consider using them on two-lane highways with passing lanes in the future.

Worland East Project Update: Mr. McOmie recently met with representatives from Hout Fencing and its bonding company regarding the Worland East project. Hout Fencing had appealed the claim decision made by the district to the chief engineer. The chief engineer made a written offer to the bonding company to settle the claim, and the bonding company has 30 days to respond. The physical work is complete on the Worland East project.

Federal Highway Bill Update: The U.S. House of Representatives passed a continuing resolution on September 17, 2014, to fund the Federal Highway Trust Fund through December 11, 2014. It appears that funding will be similar to the last continuing resolution.

7. 2014 A-133 Audit Briefing: Mr. Neidermuller provided information about the proposed plan of action for the FY 2014 A-133 audit. CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) will perform a financial statement and a single audit. CLA has preliminarily determined WYDOT's FY 2014 major programs as the Highway Planning and Construction Program, Formula Grants for Other Urbanized Areas, Federal Transit Capital Investment Grants, the Highway Safety Cluster, and the National Infrastructure Investments. As part of the single audit, CLA will also audit the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA).

The auditor will be responsible for using the United States Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). The auditor's responsibilities include:

- Expressing opinions whether financial statements are in conformity with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in all material respects.
- Expressing opinions only over information identified in their report. Other information included in WYDOT's financial package will be read/reviewed, but it will not subject to testing.
- Performing the audit in accordance with GAAS; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the U.S. Comptroller General; and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-profit Organizations.
- Communication of significant matters related to the audit, information required by law/regulations, or other information agreed upon.

An audit in accordance with GAAS:

- Does not relieve management of its responsibilities.
- Includes consideration of internal control as a basis for audit procedures, but it does not give an opinion of effectiveness of internal controls.

- Is designed to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether statements are free of material misstatement.

New audit topics that must be included in the 2014 audit include:

- New Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements
 - ▶ GASB 65, Items Previously Reported as Assets and Liabilities (effective FY September 30, 2014)
 - ▶ GASB 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans (effective FY September 30, 2014)
 - ▶ GASB 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (effective FY September 30, 2015)
- New Uniform Guidance for federal programs - FY September 30, 2016
 - ▶ Effective for new federal awards and additional funding for existing awards made after December 26, 2014

Ms. Slife provided information about the field work timing and the reporting time line. Pre-engagement and internal planning procedures were accomplished in June 2014, and interim field work was accomplished in July 2014. Final field work will be accomplished in November and December 2014, and the financial and compliance report is expected to be complete in February 2015.

Mr. Neidermuller and Ms. Slife left the meeting.

8. Mr. Fredrick presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held September 11, 2014, in Sheridan.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Bob Ruwart - Commissioner

State project SCP-SL14-1600016, involving grading, draining, precast box culverts, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, full depth reclamation, removal and replacement of structure, signs, fencing, and miscellaneous work on 3.69 miles of WYO 310, beginning at reference marker (RM) 0.81, west of Wheatland on Hightower Road, in Platte County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$4,384,295.55	
Knife River, Casper, WY	\$5,262,100.85	+20%
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$5,499,216.25	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$5,611,871.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that **Knife River, Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in

accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

Federal project NHPPI-I252165, involving removal and replacement of roadway lighting system and miscellaneous work at milepost (MP) 92.37, at the I-25 Dwyer Junction Rest Area, in Platte County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$186,072.75
Modern Electric Co. and its subsidiary, Casper, WY	\$223,591.00 +20.2%
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$226,195.82
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$273,785.00

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried that **Modern Electric Co. and its subsidiary, Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

State project SCP-SL14-I251167, involving removal and relocation of two statues, and lighting and miscellaneous work, at the High Plains Interchange on I-25, south of Cheyenne, in Laramie County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$85,905.00
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$82,727.66 -3.7%

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ruwart, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 2
K. John Dooley - Commissioner

Federal project HSIP-SEP-B141027, involving bridge rehabilitation, removal and replacement of guardrail, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 1, including Carbon County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$752,622.50
Reiman Corp. and Subsidiary, Cheyenne, WY	\$944,949.70 +25.6%
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$990,593.44

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that **Reiman Corp. and Subsidiary, Cheyenne, Wyoming**,

having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project HSIP-P541014, involving placing crushed base, sidewalk, curb and gutter, traffic signal systems, and miscellaneous work at the intersection of Cedar Street and Airport Road, in the city of Rawlins, in Carbon County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$241,870.50	
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$225,942.81	-6.6%

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 2 and 3

K. John Dooley - Commissioner
Todd Seeton - Commissioner

State project PEG1431, involving crushing and stockpiling of crushed surfacing material, salt mixing of designated stockpiles, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 3, including Lincoln, Sublette, Sweetwater, Teton, and Uinta counties.

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,507,131.75	
Lewis & Lewis Inc., Rock Springs, WY	\$1,377,599.00	-8.6%
Kilroy, LLC, Afton, WY	\$1,495,801.01	
Evans Construction Company, Jackson, WY	\$1,594,236.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried that **Lewis & Lewis Inc., Rock Springs, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 3

Todd Seeton - Commissioner

Federal project NHPP-N104091, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, sidewalk, curb and gutter, retaining wall, guardrail, and miscellaneous work on 0.32 mile of US 26-89, beginning at RM 140.66, between Alpine Junction and Hoback Junction (Hoback Junction South), in Teton County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$ 5,917,112.45
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$ 9,963,124.10 +68.4%
Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Company, LLC., Draper, UT	\$10,469,329.20

Mr. Fredrick provided background information about the Alpine Junction to Hoback Junction project. The Department received two very comparable bids, although both bids were more than the engineer's estimate. Mr. Fredrick asked Mr. McDonald, of Oftedal Construction, to present his perspective about the difference between his bid and the engineer's estimate. Mr. McDonald advised that Oftedal Construction has completed five projects in the Hoback Junction area, and it is very familiar with the terrain and the demands of the area, including commuter and tourist traffic. Oftedal Construction bid on three different projects during this letting, and all of its bids were consistent. Mr. McDonald indicated that this project was difficult to bid, and it will be a challenge to finish the work in the specified time line. He believes these are the reasons the Department received only two bids on the project. This project also involves considerable specialized work, for which Oftedal received three subcontractor bids, and all of them were very competitive.

Mr. Fredrick advised that the soil nails, mobilization, mechanically stabilized earth walls, the concrete facing, the timing and coordination of subcontractor work, and picking up where another contractor left off may have been underestimated in the engineer's estimate. These items may account for a significant portion of the difference between the engineer's estimate and the low bid. As part of the deliberation, Mr. Fredrick indicated that the plans and specifications were prepared after a very thorough engineering evaluation of the different wall types and construction techniques that are necessary at the site. The selected wall type and construction techniques were deemed the best solution for the project. Based on the project constraints, Mr. Fredrick believed it was in the best interest of the public to move forward and award this project.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and unanimously carried that **Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 4
Milt Coulter - Commissioner

Federal project HSIP-N432059, involving removal and replacement of crushed base, removal and replacement of sidewalk, curb and gutter, electrical systems, and miscellaneous work at RM 107.97, at the intersection of WYO 59 and Union Chapel Road, in the city of Gillette, in Campbell County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$364,409.25
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Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$345,443.99	-5.2%
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$382,574.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project HSIP-0300047, involving the installation of a traffic signal system and miscellaneous work on WYO 50, at the intersection of 4J Road, in the city of Gillette, in Campbell County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$146,125.50	
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$163,465.53	+11.9%
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$187,382.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project NHPP-N591007, involving upgrading electrical systems and miscellaneous work at RM 299.28 on US 16 (Main Street and Fort Street) in the town of Buffalo, in Johnson County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$22,893.75	
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$20,667.73	-9.7%
Modern Electric Co. and its subsidiary, Casper, WY	\$35,072.00	
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$39,595.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 4 and 6

Milt Coulter - Commissioner
 Ted Ertman - Commissioner

State project PEG1441, involving crushing and stockpiling of crushed surfacing material, salt mixing of designated stockpiles, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4, including Campbell, Crook, Johnson, and Sheridan counties.

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,533,496.00	
McGarvin - Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$1,185,220.68	-22.7%
Western Construction, Inc. and Western Leasing, LLC, Rapid City, SD	\$1,225,530.47	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$1,286,806.99	
Intermountain Construction & Materials, Gillette, WY	\$1,307,815.00	
Frost Rock Products Company, Lovell, WY	\$1,635,821.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that **McGarvin - Moberly Construction Company, Worland, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

Federal project STP-GM-B144038, involving service point upgrades and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 4, including Campbell, Crook, Sheridan, and Weston counties.

Engineer's Estimate	\$118,525.00	
Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, WY	\$132,550.96	+11.8%
Advanced Electrical Contracting, Inc., Sheridan, WY	\$192,600.00	
Modern Electric Co. and its subsidiary, Casper, WY	\$219,101.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried that **Casper Electric, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 5

Bruce McCormack - Chairman

State project SCP-TC-2202018, involving grading, draining, removal and replacement of box culverts, milling plant mix, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, full depth reclamation, cattle guards, fencing, and miscellaneous work on 3.48 miles of WYO 433, beginning at RM 0.66, between Worland and Manderson (Ten-Mile Creek Section), in Washakie County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$5,325,772.00	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$5,743,888.48	+7.9%
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$5,793,569.00	

Plus 5% for Comparison	\$6,083,247.45
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$6,148,539.11

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Vice Chairman Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried that **Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

State project PEG1451, involving crushing and stockpiling of crushed surfacing material, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 5, in Big Horn and Park counties.

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,068,175.00	
Frost Rock Products Company, Lovell, WY	\$1,899,625.00	-8.1%
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$2,661,765.77	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Vice Chairman Anderson, and carried that **Frost Rock Products Company, Lovell, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 7
Clair Anderson - Vice Chairman

State project CMP-PO-SL14-0703018, involving milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, and miscellaneous work on 8.21 miles of WYO 132, beginning at RM 6.98, between Ethete and Kinnear (Ethete North Section), in Fremont County.

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,632,003.50	
Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, WY	\$1,629,767.91	-0.1%
H-K Contractors, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$1,612,777.00	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$1,693,415.85	
McGarvin - Moberly Construction Company, Worland, WY	\$1,708,765.00	
Simon Contractors and its Subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$1,924,733.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Vice Chairman Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried that **Mountain Construction Company, Lovell, Wyoming**, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

Mr. Fredrick advised that WYDOT let to contract \$331.8 million in highway projects in FY 2014. The approved State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) amount for the projects that were let this fiscal year was \$314.3 million, for a difference of \$17.5 million, or about 5.6

percent more than the anticipated cost. Mr. Fredrick recognized the hard work and dedication of everyone involved in the project design process to complete and deliver the highway program this year.

9. FY 2015 STIP: Mr. Fredrick presented the FY 2015 STIP for Commission consideration. The Department anticipates letting about \$251 million in highway projects next fiscal year. The STIP includes road projects, aeronautics projects, and necessary transit funding, and it was compiled using an estimate of the available federal and state funding for next year.

It was recommended by Mr. Fredrick, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried to approve the FY 2015 STIP.

Messrs. McDonald, Olson, and Johnson left the meeting.

10. Colonel Butler presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through August 31, 2014, includes 87 fatal crashes involving 100 deaths. The fatalities include 41 rollover crashes, 37 multi-car crashes, 2 fixed objects, 15 motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, and 5 pedestrians. Of the 87 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 24 involved commercial vehicles.

There have been 26 crashes to date deemed alcohol related, resulting in 28 deaths. Of those deaths, 14 were attributed to not using occupant restraints.

Of the 100 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 50 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 29 involving rollover crashes, 19 involving multi-car collisions, and 2 involving fixed objects. Of the 50 deaths that occurred from non-use of occupant restraints, 32 were Wyoming residents, and 18 were non-residents. Fourteen of those who perished were under 20 years of age, and 9 of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 87 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 45 (51 percent) of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 22 (25 percent) occurred on interstate highways, and 21 (24 percent) occurred on city/county roads.

Eleven multi-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways so far this year, of which 8 involved multiple vehicles, 5 involved commercial vehicles, and 2 were alcohol related.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 4,210 crashes statewide, of which 3,312 involved non-commercial vehicles, and 898 involved commercial vehicles.

11. Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Affairs Committee (JTC) Briefing: At its September 8-9, 2014, meeting in Riverton, the JTC voted in favor of drafting a committee bill that, if passed, will determine who has the right-of-way when vehicles merge onto the highway.

The JTC also heard testimony about bicycle/pedestrian safety and awareness. Bicycle fatalities are on the rise in Wyoming and the Wyoming Pathways executive director Tim Young would like for the JTC to change Wyoming statutes to help prevent further tragedy. The committee suggested making this a 2015 interim topic to address the issue.

12. Mr. Byrne presented the Aeronautics report, including the August 2014 Aeronautics Flight Operations Passenger Summary Report and the August 2014 Wyoming Aircraft Accident Report.

Mr. Downey left the meeting.

13. Mr. Loftin presented the Support Services report.

Joint Transportation, Highways & Military Committee (JTC) Briefing: Mr. Loftin briefed the Commission about his testimony at the September 8-9, 2014, JTC meeting in Riverton. Agenda topics included driver's licenses - CDL requirements/general weight restrictions for agriculture, options for Real ID opt-out, driver's license renewal periods, Ignition Interlock Program update, and car dealer qualifications.

14. Chairman McCormack recessed the meeting at 11:56 a.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

The Commission attended lunch with service award recipients.

15. Chairman McCormack reconvened the meeting at 1:45 p.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2014.

Messrs. Stearns, Dailey, Kahler, Colonel Butler, and Ms. Burkart did not return to the meeting.

16. Mr. Shultz presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Vice Chairman Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Dooley, and carried to reject purchase for bid number 14-308 to furnish a 40' x 60' salt/sand storage building, to be constructed in Lusk. The salt/sand storage building will be rebid later, possibly at a different location.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 14-310 to furnish a 60' to 65' x 200' fabric-covered salt/sand storage building, to be constructed in Casper. The bid was awarded to A&B Construction, Ltd., of Harper, Iowa, for the sum of \$319,500.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Dooley, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 14-314 to furnish six each, entry doors, for use at WYDOT Headquarters, and an ADA-compliant ramp and stair railing for the Highway Patrol Building, in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Construction Specialists, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$183,800.00. Commissioner Ertman voted no.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Seeton, seconded by Commissioner Ruwart, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 14-319 to furnish 10 each, new, current model, four-wheel-drive, Chevrolet Tahoe sport utility vehicles, with police package, to be delivered to Wireless Advanced Communications, Inc., in Evans, Colorado. The bid was awarded to Teton Motors, of Jackson, Wyoming, for the sum of \$319,860.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Shultz, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 000035402 to furnish annual pre-season maintenance for the existing 83 road weather information systems (RWIS) sites, for use by the Geographic Information Systems/Intelligent Transportation Systems Program. The contract was awarded to Vaisala, Inc., of Louisville, Colorado, for the sum of \$59,348.00.

17. It was moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Seeton, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman McCormack adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m., on Thursday, September 18, 2014.