

## TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on April 15, 2010. The meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Monk. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Charlie Monk, Chairman, Lovell  
Cactus Covello Jr., Vice Chairman, Torrington  
Sandi McCormick, Commissioner, Rock Springs  
Jim Latta, Commissioner, Pinedale (via telephone)  
Ted Ertman, Commissioner, Newcastle  
Jim Hladky, Commissioner, Gillette  
John F. Cox, Director  
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were: Delbert McOmie, Chief Engineer; Pat Collins, Assistant Chief Engineer of Engineering and Planning; Tim Hibbard, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations; Tom Loftin, Support Services Administrator; Dennis Byrne, Aeronautics Administrator; Doug Moench, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Kevin Hibbard, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; and Vern Mickelson, Assistant Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

Those absent: Commissioner Susan Dziardziel, Douglas, and Lt. Col. Jess Oyler, Interim Highway Patrol (WHP) Administrator.

Others present: Mayor Phil Oaks, Town of Burns, and Messrs. Jim Clark and Steve Newton, Burns Utility Board; Dan Kline, WYDOT Systems Planning and Railroads Supervisor; Troy Loos, WYDOT Budget Specialist; and Bob Eatmon, FHWA Financial Manager.

1. Secretary Scott presented a correction to the February 18, 2010, Commission regular business meeting minutes. Item 13, on page 11, Project Authorizations, Commission District 6, Rural Local, Project STP 8.04 0608002, should have been recorded as being in Crook County, not Weston County.

It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Ertman, and carried to approve the correction of the minutes from the February 18, 2010, regular business meeting.

2. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2010, audit presentation; the March 18, 2010, regular business meeting, executive session, and education session; and the April 1, 2010, teleconference meeting.

3. Secretary Scott presented a letter from Mr. Chris Turner of TNT Pilot Car Service, in Mills, Wyoming. Mr. Turner expressed his concern about the rising number of trucking companies that are

allegedly “getting away with boot legging oversize loads” on Wyoming highways. Former Colonel Powell replied to Mr. Turner’s letter on March 30, 2010, advising that although some trucking companies choose not to comply with Wyoming statute, the WHP prohibits such activity and enforces the law with its available manpower and resources.

4. Director Cox presented the Director’s report.

WHP Administrator Position: Director Cox has set a goal of July 1, 2010, for appointing a new WHP administrator. The position has been advertised, and a schedule has been set for application assessment and the selection process. Vice Chairman Covello, Director Cox, two members from executive staff, and three others will participate on the selection committee. Final interviews are expected the first week in June. Director Cox will keep the Commission apprized of the selection progress.

5. Mr. Kevin Hibbard presented the Budget report.

Monthly Budget Report: Mr. Hibbard presented the monthly budget report. Although halfway through this fiscal year, current Commission budget expenditures are at just 40 percent. Mr. Hibbard advised that if this trend continues, the Department can expect to see a \$5 to \$7 million savings in snow removal, out-of-state travel, and utility expenditures this year. The savings will be used to purchase some high-priority items for use statewide, as deemed necessary by executive staff and as approved by the Commission.

American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Report: The monthly ARRA report has been submitted and accepted by the Office of Management and Budget. WYDOT has spent 57 percent of its obligated ARRA funds to date.

Second-Quarter Budget Modification: Mr. Hibbard presented the second-quarter budget modification. Diesel fuel collections have been lower than expected this quarter but are expected to increase throughout the year. Quarterly adjustments were made to include living snow fence, a \$50 million appropriation from the Legislature, and highway user fees. Adjustments were also made for forthcoming federal funds that will be used for changes in driver’s license requirements, motor carrier safety, oversize/overweight load permitting, an automated vehicle weight system, and damage repairs.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the FY 2010 Second-Quarter Budget Revision.

FHWA Report on Inactive Obligations: WYDOT leads the nation in putting to work its federal funding obligations. Achieving this goal was a collaborative effort between many WYDOT district and headquarters personnel, Ms. Cindy Jerkins and Mr. Bob Eatmon of the FHWA Division Office in Cheyenne, and especially by Mr. Troy Loos, WYDOT’s Budget Specialist. Mr. Hibbard

acknowledged their extraordinary efforts. Vice Chairman Covello thanked Ms. Jerkins and Messrs. Eatmon and Loos for their part in achieving this formidable goal.

6. Mr. Collins presented the Engineering and Planning report beginning with the following bid tabulations from the letting held April 8, 2010, in Riverton.

**COMMISSION DISTRICTS 1, 2 and 7**  
**Cactus Covello – Vice Chairman**  
**Sandi McCormick – Commissioner**  
**Susan Dziardziel – Commissioner**

Federal project HSIP-B102076, involving sign upgrades and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2, in Carbon, Converse, Goshen, Natrona and Platte counties. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer’s Estimate	\$430,005.00	
<b>4-D Fencing Company, Riverton, WY</b>	<b>\$348,451.00</b>	<b>-19.0%</b>
Crooked Fork Fencing, Inc., Lolo, MT	\$358,521.74	
Irregular Draft Proposal		
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$359,150.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Vice Chairman Covello, and carried that **4-D Fencing Company, Riverton, 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 2**  
**Sandi McCormick – Commissioner**

Federal projects BROS-0C04086 and ARSCT-0C04A01 combined, involving grading, removal and replacement of structure, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, concrete pavement, curb and gutter, sidewalk, fencing and miscellaneous work at reference marker 0.47 (Scott’s Bottom Road) in Green River, in Sweetwater County. Completion date – June 30, 2011

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,766,953.95	
<b>Cannon Builders, Inc., Blackfoot, ID</b>	<b>\$1,627,271.55</b>	<b>-7.9%</b>
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,645,673.50	
Build, Inc., Salt Lake City, UT	\$1,677,077.00	
W. W. Clyde & Co., Springville, UT	\$1,756,709.77	
C C & G, Inc., Lander, WY	\$1,889,621.90	
S & S Builders, LLC., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,061,972.92	
COP Wyoming LLC., Sheridan, WY	\$2,468,013.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Cannon Builders, Inc., Blackfoot, Idaho**, 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 RHC-P531017, involving removal and replacement of existing signal pole and miscellaneous work at reference marker 104.80 at the intersection of I-80 Business Route and Center Street in the city of Rock Springs, in Sweetwater County. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$29,847.50	
Intermountain Electric Service, Inc. , Riverton, WY	\$31,475.29	
<b>Modern Electric Co., Casper, WY</b>	<b>\$35,781.00</b>	<b>19.9%</b>

Intermountain Electric Service, Inc., did not meet the federal disadvantaged business enterprise requirements for the project.

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **Modern Electric Co., 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 3**  
**Jim Latta – Commissioner**

Federal project NH-GM-N103105, involving grading, draining, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, minor structural modification and miscellaneous work, between reference markers 118.32 and 141.30 on US 26/89, between Alpine Junction and Hoback Junction, in Lincoln and Teton counties. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,152,011.00	
<b>Hout Fencing of Wyoming, Inc., Worland, WY</b>	<b>\$1,184,725.00</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
J. Wright Companies, Harriman, UT	\$1,234,567.89	
Rice-Kilroy Construction Company, Inc., Dubois, WY	\$1,257,212.00	
Evans Construction Company, Jackson, WY	\$1,338,997.75	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Miles City, MT	\$1,472,869.05	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$1,860,530.30	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **Hout Fencing of Wyoming, Inc., Worland, 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**  
**Charlie Monk- Chairman**

Federal project STP-B095012, involving bridge rehabilitation, including grading, draining, placing crushed base, and bituminous pavement surfacing, structure, bridge deck repair, and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 5, in Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs and Park counties. Completion date – October 31, 2010

Engineer’s Estimate	\$1,722,314.50	
<b>S &amp; S Builders, LLC., Gillette, WY</b>	<b>\$1,879,831.15</b>	<b>9.1%</b>
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$1,889,975.60	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried that **S & S Builders, LLC., Gillette, 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 7**  
**Susan Dziardziel – Commissioner**

Federal project STP-GM-1315001, involving grading, culvert extension, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, and miscellaneous work at reference marker 0.50 on US 20/26 and the US 20/26 Service Road between Casper and Shoshoni, in Natrona County. Completion date – September 30, 2010

Engineer’s Estimate	\$149,818.10	
<b>71 Construction, Casper, WY</b>	<b>\$126,604.20</b>	<b>-15.5%</b>
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$128,069.00	
Grizzly Excavation & Construction, LLC., Casper, WY	\$132,251.00	
S & S Builders, LLC., Gillette, WY	\$170,903.31	
Magnum Construction, LLC., Casper, WY	\$182,543.99	
J. Wright Companies, Harriman, UT	\$184,999.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried that **71 Construction, 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.

Mr. Collins advised that the uncertainty in state and federal funding, combined with a number of large projects not being ready to let as planned, will necessitate additional lettings and subsequent Commission teleconference meetings throughout the summer. WYDOT expects to let about \$240 million in projects from now through September 30, 2010. A second federal stimulus package would increase this amount.

7. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the following project authorizations:

### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 1**

#### Rural Interstate

IM 40.00 I251165; Laramie County; Cheyenne to Chugwater, Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS); reference markers 40.00 to 59.00; dynamic message signs, road closure gates, RWIS, camera; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$30,000

#### Rural Principal Arterial

NH 8.00 N271036; Platte County; Dwyer Junction to Guernsey, Guernsey West; reference markers 8.00 to 14.70; mill, overlay and wearing course; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$230,000

#### Rural Major Collector

STP 119.00 1602016; Goshen County; Chugwater, WYO 313; US 85 West Section; reference markers 119.00 to 130.20; mill, level and overlay; request to move FY 2011 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$5,188,769

STP 8.60 0805009; Goshen County; WYO 156, Bulldog Draw; reference marker 8.60; pipe replacement; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering of \$7,500

### **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

#### Rural Interstate

NH 0.00 B111010; Albany County; District 1, various locations, National Highway System (NHS); various reference markers; crack seal; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$5,000

#### Rural Major Collector

STP 0.00 B111009; Albany County; District 1, various locations, non-NHS; various reference markers; crack seal; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$13,000

Rural Minor Arterial

STP 23.10 0109021; Albany County; Bosler to Wheatland, North Sybille Creek; reference markers 23.10 to 28.00; reconstruction; request to move from FY 2016 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$12,000,000

Urban Interstate

IM 316.70 I805166; Albany County; Laramie Marginal, Grand Avenue Interchange; reference marker 316.70; upgrade lighting; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$6,000

Urban Principal Arterial

STP 329.60 P551019; Albany County; Laramie Streets, Grand Avenue, Newman Center; reference markers 329.60 to 329.66; indented parking; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$10,000

STP 329.96 P551020; Albany County; Laramie Streets, Grand Avenue, 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>; reference markers 329.96 to 330.48; mill, overlay, ADA; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 3**

Rural Principal Arterial

NH 103.20 N132100; Sublette County; Pinedale to Hoback Junction, Trapper's Point; reference markers 103.20 to 115.10; upgrade fencing and structures for wildlife passage; request to move from FY 2014 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$14,803,376

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

Rural Principal Arterial

NH 101.23 N432050; Campbell County; Douglas to Gillette, Tisdale Creek Section; reference markers 101.23 to 107.00; five lanes; request to move from FY 2016 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$15,000,000

Rural Major Collector

STP 251.90 1006019; Johnson County; Kaycee South Service Road; reference markers 251.90 to 253.10; culvert extension, safety slopes; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$7,500

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 5**

Rural Major Collector

STP-PM 0.00 B115008; Park and Washakie counties; various non-NHS locations; crack seal; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$10,000

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 6**

Rural Principal Arterial

HSIP 202.00 N854072; Mule Creek Junction to Newcastle; reference markers 202.00 to 226.00; snow fence; FY 2010; request federal preliminary engineering funds of 15,000, and federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$300,000

Rural Major Collector

STP 107.90 1401008; Manville to Lance Creek, Lance Creek South; reference markers 107.90 to 116.90; reconstruction; request to move from FY 2011 to FY-2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$10,575,552

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 7**

Rural Principal Arterial

STP 6.41 P202065; Fremont County; Muddy Gap to Lander; US 287/789; reference markers 6.41 to 12.80; widen, mill, level and overlay; request to move from FY 2013 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$2,686,782

NH 35.00 N431031; Converse County; Douglas to Gillette; reference markers 35.5 to 45.50; restoration and rehabilitation; request to move from FY 2023 to FY 2010; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$5,034,078

Urban Principal Arterial

STP 18.00 W258020; Natrona County; Casper Streets, Wyoming Boulevard, US 20/26/87 to Legion Lane; reference markers 18.00 to 18.44; preformed durable pavement markings; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$9,000

**COMMISSION DISTRICT M (Miscellaneous)**

Rural Minor Arterial

STP 0.00 B111011; Albany, Carbon and Laramie counties; District 1, various locations, non-NHS; various reference markers; chip seal; FY 2011 construction; request federal preliminary engineering funds of \$50,000

8. Second-Quarter State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Collins presented the second-quarter addendum to the 2010 STIP. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve the second-quarter addendum to STIP.

9. Dayton to Ranchester Right-of-Way (ROW) Abandonment: It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Hladky, and seconded by Commissioner Latta, to approve the following resolution for abandonment. Commissioner Ertman asked whether land ownership should revert back its original owner when WYDOT abandons a property.



10. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Covello, and carried to table the motion to approve the resolution until the question could be answered.

### **RESOLUTION FOR ABANDONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, under the provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming may abandon or relinquish any portion of state highways upon reconstruction or relocation of an existing state highway; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of Wyoming Department of Transportation's right-of-way for Sheridan/Dayton to Ranchester, Sheridan County, Wyoming, established under Project Number F.A.G.M. 211(6) 1941 AND SN-FAP 179(6) is no longer needed for state highway or public use purposes. Said portion being described as follows:

That portion of an existing right-of-way easement described in Book 41 of Deeds, Page 344 situated in Lot 6, Block 2, town of Ranchester, Sheridan County, Wyoming; with said right-of-way easement to be retained being more particularly described as follows:

**COMMENCING** at the southwest corner of said Lot 6, Block 2, town of Ranchester; thence N.86°06'36"E., 100.29 feet to a point; thence through a curve to the left, having a radius of 45.00 feet, a central angle of 67°32'01", an arc length of 53.04 feet, a chord bearing of N.52°20'35"E., and a chord length of 50.02 feet to a point, said point lying on the east line of said Lot 6; thence S.00°34'42"E., 35.79 feet along said east line of Lot 6 to a point, said point being the southeast corner of said Lot 6; thence S.89°21'19"W., 140.03 feet along the south line of said Lot 6 to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** of said right-of-way easement.

Said right-of-way easement to be retained contains 854 square feet of land, more or less. Bearings are based on the Wyoming Coordinate System, NAD 1983, East Central Zone.

A portion of an existing right-of-way easement situated in Lot 4, Lot 5, and Lot 6, Block 2, town of Ranchester; Sheridan County, Wyoming; with said right-of-way easement to be vacated being more particularly described as follows:

**COMMENCING** at the southwest corner of said Lot 6, Block 2, town of Ranchester; thence N.58°37'33"E., 97.83 feet to a point, said point lying on the north line of said Lot 5; thence N.19°13'06"E., 53.15 feet to a point, said point being the northeast corner of said Lot 4; thence S.00°34'42"E., 114.18 feet along the east line of said Block 2 to a point; thence, through a non-tangent curve to the right, having a radius of 45.00 feet, a central angle of 67°32'01", an arc length of 53.04 feet, a chord bearing of S.52°20'35"W., and a chord length of 50.02 feet to a point; thence S.86°06'36"W., 100.29 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING** of said right-of-way easement.

Said right-of-way easement to be vacated contains 6,345 square feet, more or less. Bearing are based on the Wyoming Coordinate System, NAD 1983, East Central Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming hereby abandons the above-described land as provided for under provisions and authority of W.S. 24-3-126.

11. Petition for At-Grade Public Rail Crossing Closure - Main Street, Burns, Laramie County: Mr. Kline explained the proposed permanent closure of the Burns Main Street at-grade railroad crossing. Under the proposal, the crossing would be closed upon completion of the new railroad separation with the Burns South project (Project No. 1102005). The project will relocate State Highway 213 eastward to the alignment that currently serves Laramie County Road 149 from I-80 north toward Burns. Once the separation spans the tracks, the state highway would connect to the alignment that currently serves State Highway 213 north of the tracks.

The crossing is located on Main Street on the north end of Burns, Wyoming. The section of roadway on both sides of the grade crossing is under the Town of Burns's jurisdiction.

The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) requires that the railroad share in 5 percent of the cost of any project that seeks to eliminate an existing public grade crossing at which active warning devices are in place. Therefore, if the existing public crossing on Main Street is closed in exchange for the construction of the grade separation, the Union Pacific Railroad's (UPRR) financial responsibility in closing the crossing would be about \$10.7 million. The UPRR has also agreed to accept responsibility for extending utility service to the opposite side of the tracks.

The diagnostic team has thoroughly reviewed the proposed closure and offered the following recommendations.

- The crossing removal will occur when the overpass is operational and fully open to traffic.
- The Union Pacific will remove crossing infrastructure and culverts and restore the ditch line.
- The Union Pacific will assist the town with utility crossings and easements.
- The Town of Burns will provide safe truck access to the co-op.
- The Town of Burns will remove traffic control associated with the at-grade crossing and install advisory signs showing new dead end at Main Street (W14-1 or related sign).
- The UPRR, in cooperation with WYDOT, will install permanent barricades.

Mayor Phil Oaks spoke on behalf of the Town of Burns and indicated that the town concurs with the above recommendations.

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Vice Chairman Covello, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve the petition for the closure of the at-grade public rail crossing on Main Street in Burns, Wyoming.

12. Dayton to Ranchester ROW Abandonment: It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to remove from the table the motion made in item 10 above.

Mr. Collins acquired further information from WYDOT ROW staff and explained that the proposed abandonment merely surrenders WYDOT's control over the easement. The property is still owned by the landowner.

Mr. Moench explained the difference between a ROW "abandonment" and a "relinquishment." This particular property is owned by a private entity, which corroborates an abandonment. ROW Program staff will record the abandonment with Sheridan County.

Chairman Monk called for the vote on the motion made under item 9 above. The motion was unanimously approved.

Messrs. Oaks, Clark, Newton, Loos, and Kline left the meeting.

13. Director Cox presented the Highway Patrol report in the absence of Lieutenant Colonel Oyler.

The Fatal Crash Summary through March 31, 2010, includes 15 fatal crashes involving 21 deaths. The fatalities include 7 involving rollover crashes, 10 involving multi-car crashes, 8 involving commercial vehicles, and 4 involving fixed objects.

There have been six crashes to date deemed alcohol related, resulting in seven deaths. Of those deaths, six were attributed to not using restraints.

Of the 21 deaths that have occurred so far in 2010, 14 can be attributed to not using occupant restraints, with 6 involving rollover crashes, 5 involving multi-car collisions, and 3 involving fixed objects. Of the 14 deaths that occurred from not using occupant restraints, 7 were Wyoming residents and 7 were non-residents.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary reflects activity through February 28, 2010. The summary depicts 838 crashes statewide, of which 715 involved non-commercial vehicles and 123 involved commercial vehicles.

Patrol Field Arrest Activity: Field arrest activity indicates that the majority of arrests made as of March 31, 2010, have been DUI related. Field arrests total 145 so far this year and include the following:

- DUI arrests from crashes – 12
- DUI arrests from traffic stops – 49
- DUI arrests from the REDDI Program – 13
- DUI arrests from ports-of-entry – 0

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- NCIC hits (person) – 5
- Wyoming warrants hits – 14
- Drug arrests – 24
- Miscellaneous arrests – 28

14. Mr. Byrne presented the Aeronautics report, including the March Wyoming Aircraft Accident Report and the WYDOT Aeronautics Aircraft Passenger Summary Report.

15. Mr. Loftin presented the Support Services report.

Street Rods and Custom Vehicle License Plates: A new street rods and custom vehicles license plate was approved by the 2010 Legislature and will be released July 1, 2010. The cost of the plate is \$100, and it is valid for seven years. The plate has specific requirements, which are outlined in W.S. 31-2-226, Street Rods, and W.S. 31-2-227, Custom Vehicles. Anyone using the plate for general vehicle use will be fined.

16. Mr. Tim Hibbard presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-140 to furnish janitorial maintenance at the Powder River Rest Area for a period of 12 months. The contract was awarded to Rick Senff, of Sheridan, Wyoming, for the sum of \$55,800.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Hladky, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-141 to furnish an addition to the WYDOT striping shop in Torrington, Wyoming. The bid was awarded to Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc., of Gering, Nebraska, for the sum of \$176,608.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-142 to furnish and install a platform vehicle lift at the WYDOT Maintenance Shop in Casper, Wyoming. The bid was awarded to Ace Equipment & Supply Co., of Henderson, Colorado, for the sum of \$129,500.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to approve purchase for bid number 10-154 to furnish three each Trimble global positioning system units and one optical total station for use by the Photogrammetry and Surveys Program in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Frontier Precision, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$151,672.50 and to AGA, of Arvada, Colorado, for the sum of \$38,141.10, for a total sum of \$189,813.60.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner McCormick, seconded by Vice Chairman Covello, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 17785 to furnish two Spacesaver Roller Guidance Synchro-Mechanical Assistant Records Storage Systems for use by the

Highway Patrol and Motor Vehicle Services in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Improve Group LLC, of Denver, Colorado, for the sum of \$114,983.89.

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

Upcoming Bid Lettings: Mr. McOmie reiterated that due to the uncertainty of the passage of the federal Jobs Work bill, the Department decided to fund its June and July lettings with state legislative funds. WYDOT received \$50 million for the biennium from the 2010 Legislature. The allocation will allow the Department to let eight projects in each of the June and July lettings. Bidding is very competitive right now. Mr. McOmie expressed a desire for even more competition in the future, which would allow for additional projects. If Congress passes the Jobs Work Bill, those projects could not be let until August or September, but it appears that the legislation will not move forward to the U.S. Senate.

Budget Under-Run: If the current budget trend continues, the Department expects to save about \$5 to \$7 million on snow removal, out-of-state travel expenditures, and utilities this year. Mr. McOmie voiced a need for new urban striper trucks for Casper and Rock Springs, two "digger-derek" trucks for the Laramie sign crews, a four-yard articulated loader for Jackson, and an all-wheel-drive articulating motor grader for Dubois. Mr. McOmie expressed a desire to use some of the unexpected funding to fulfill these needs.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been working for many years with the Department on storm water runoff issues at WYDOT salt/sand stockpile locations. The Department needs to become more aggressive at protecting these sites, either through storage buildings or pads that can contain the runoff during a 24-hour, 100-year flood event. Cost estimates range from \$15 to \$20 million to mitigate the problem. Part of this year's budget savings could also be used for this project. Mr. McOmie briefed the Commission about many alternatives that the Department is exploring to remedy the situation.

Mr. McOmie suggested that the Department could also purchase the remaining six global positioning system (GPS) units needed for field surveying. The GPS units are high priority items for the resident engineer field offices, and would greatly improve productivity in surveying operations. The equipment would save a significant amount of manpower, which would ultimately save the Department even more funding.

Commissioner Ertman suggested using some of the savings for additional living snow fences, where possible. Mr. McOmie indicated that \$100,000 is currently budgeted for living snow fences this year, and the 2010 Legislature earmarked an additional \$100,000 of this year's \$50 million general fund allocation for more living snow fence installations.

Commissioner Hladky suggested banking some of the money for future capital improvement projects, since capital improvements have been cut from WYDOT's budget for the last several years. Mr. McOmie indicated that a long-term savings account may not be feasible, for various reasons, but

perhaps a small portion could be combined with next year's proposed building budget. Director Cox stressed the importance of being good stewards of Department funds and not overbuilding shop sites.

Director Cox also stressed the importance of continued communication with legislators to support future Department funding in these areas.

Proposed Change in Salt-Sand Usage: Mr. McOmie advised that Arlington Maintenance Foreman Clint Huckfeldt will provide a June 17 Commission education session on WYDOT salt-sand usage. The Arlington crew has been equipped with new eight-yard trucks that use chemicals in concert with conventional salt/sand material. The change has resulted in a tremendous savings in salt/sand costs, as well as fewer accidents and road closures.

18. It was moved by Vice Chairman Covello, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to move into executive session.

Messrs. McOmie, Collins, T. Hibbard, Loftin, Byrne, K. Hibbard, McGee, and Mickelson left the meeting.

The Commission went into executive session at 10:55 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

19. It was moved by Commissioner Ertman, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to move out of executive session. The Commission came out of executive session at 11:13 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

20. It was moved by Vice Chairman Covello, seconded by Commissioner Hladky, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Monk adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m., on Thursday, April 15, 2010.