

TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on April 20, 2017. The meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Vice Chairman Ruwart. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Bob Ruwart, Vice Chairman, Wheatland
Mike Larson, Commissioner, Lusk
Rick Newton, Commissioner, Buffalo
Louie Pfrangle, Commissioner, Worland
Phil Schmidt, Commissioner, Casper
William T. Panos, Director
Sandra J. Scott, Commission Secretary

Also present at and participating in the meeting were Dennis Byrne, Chief Financial Officer; Gregg Fredrick, Chief Engineer; Taylor Rossetti, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Kebin Haller, Highway Patrol Administrator; Amy Surdam, Aeronautics Administrator; and Pat Lewis, Chief Technology Officer; Mike Kahler, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Sam Voyles, Assistant Attorney General; Rodney Freier, Budget Officer; and Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration.

Others present: Wyoming Representative Don Burkhart, House District 15, of Rawlins; Katie Pfister, Aeronautics Commission Secretary, and Bob Symons, Public Safety Communications Commission Secretary; and David Stearns, Financial Services Program Manager.

Chairman Todd Seeton, of Jackson, was absent.

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Ruwart led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes: It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2017, audit presentation; and the March 23, 2017, breakfast meeting and regular business meeting.

3. Correspondence: Secretary Scott shared a letter from Mr. Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, regarding emergency relief funding and highway damage in various areas of Wyoming. Mr. Cawley's letter was in response to an April 11, 2017, letter of intent WYDOT sent to the FHWA requesting emergency relief funds for damage that occurred to Federal-aid highways beginning in early February 2017. Mr. Fredrick will present further information about the matter under the Chief Engineer's report.

4. Director Panos presented the Director's report.

Director Panos welcomed Speaker Pro Tempore Burkhart to the meeting, and he thanked him for taking the time to attend the Commission meetings to learn about the inner-workings of the Department.

Wyoming's 100 Years of Transportation Celebration: Planning has begun for Wyoming's 100 years of transportation celebration. The Department plans to host a celebration to include WYDOT employees and the public to recognize 100 years of accomplishments in the transportation industry, and to recognize the economic development it has brought to the state over the years. The celebration will include a transportation summit, which will provide an opportunity for WYDOT to share its story with all other transportation-related entities statewide, and to plan for future transportation in Wyoming.

Transportation Commission Vacancy: One vacant seat remains on the Transportation Commission. Director Panos advised that he has been working with Governor Mead's office to find a suitable candidate to fill the vacancy. Representative Burkhart advised he has also been working with the Governor's office to find a candidate. To meet the statutory party split, the candidate cannot be a Republican, and the individual must be a Carbon County resident.

Upcoming Meetings in Washington, D.C.: Director Panos will travel to Washington, D.C., early next week to visit with the U.S. Department of Transportation staff, and to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW) about the impact of regulatory reform on rural states.

5. Mr. Byrne presented the Chief Financial Officer's report.

Mr. Byrne introduced Mr. David Stearns, WYDOT's Financial Services Program Manager, who will retire July 3, 2017, with over 16 years of service. The search for Mr. Stearns' replacement will begin soon.

FY 2017 Second Quarter Budget Revision: Mr. Freier explained the significant changes that were included in the second quarter budget revision.

During the second quarter, the surface transportation budget was significantly reduced because of the legislature's action to remove General Funds from WYDOT's budget and supplant the vast majority of those funds by increasing the state's portion of motor vehicle registration fees and driver's license fees. About \$46 million will be generated through the fee increases, which is about \$2.1 million less per year than the General Funds WYDOT was receiving from the legislature in previous years.

Mr. Byrne noted that revenues have been declining in recent years, and inflation continues to rise. WYDOT will have to take a close look at expenditures to maintain a balanced budget.

Mr. Freier explained that WYDOT has received \$1 million in two drivers license grants from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. The grants will be used to upgrade the automated skills testing system and an automated Commercial Drivers' License skills testing system.

The second quarter expenditures or reductions include about \$278,000 from legislative purchase order carryover from the last biennium and \$2.1 million to the capitalized buildings account.

It was recommended by Mr. Freier, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to approve the second quarter budget revision to the FY 2017 Operating Budget.

Mr. Byrne noted that adjustments must be made to WYDOT's budget in the future to address the Department's cash position. State-funded expenditures will need to be slowed during the third quarter and in the FY 2018 Operating Budget to balance the budget. Buildings, equipment, position vacancies, and services will be evaluated to improve efficiencies and to reduce expenditures.

Mr. Byrne also reminded the Commission that the Department lacks \$68.7 million per year to maintain the highway system in its current condition. Postponing highway maintenance and reconstruction will cost substantially more in the future. Director Panos stated that the funding shortage also relates to the federal government and its ability to provide infrastructure funding to states.

Monthly Budget Report: The snow control budget has overrun by about \$1.6 million as of March 31, 2017. Savings from other maintenance projects will help cover the snow control budget overrun.

The March 2017 budget report revealed that the Commission budget is 50 percent expended, and the Legislative budget is 47 percent expended, which is within the target budget tolerances.

6. It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve, by consent, the following bids:

- Bid number 17-138 to furnish weed spraying services in Carbon County. The bid was awarded to Chem Sprayer, of Evanston, Wyoming, for the sum of \$58,835.10.
- Bid number 17-139 to furnish weed spraying services in Laramie County. The bid was awarded to Chem Sprayer, of Evanston, Wyoming, for the sum of \$57,848.40.
- Bid number 17-167 to furnish annual sterilization around guardrail/delineators and broadleaf control in Crook County. The bid was awarded to Tiger Tree, Inc., of Laramie, Wyoming, for the sum of \$65,689.86.
- Bid number 17-168 to furnish annual sterilization around guardrail/delineators and broadleaf control in Campbell County. The bid was awarded to Field Services & Weed Control, LLC, of Cody, Wyoming, for the sum of \$54,064.06.
- Bid number 17-171 to furnish 30,291 feet of aluminum backing angles, 11,625 feet of galvanized steel angles, and 1,000 each galvanized steel braces. The bid was awarded to Gillette Steel Center, of Gillette, Wyoming, for the sum of \$98,650.00.
- Bid number 17-173 to furnish a roof replacement at the WYDOT facility in Shoshoni. The bid was awarded to Atlas Roofing, of Thermopolis, Wyoming, for the sum of \$120,320.00.

It was recommended by Mr. Byrne, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition Number 0000046146 to furnish 2,455 feet of 2-inch fusion bond pipe for a gas main extension, and 310 feet of ¾-inch fusion bond pipe for a gas service from the gas main, for installation at the Southeast Wyoming Welcome Center. The

contract was awarded to Black Hills Energy, of Rapid City, South Dakota, for the sum of \$50,645.00.

Messrs. Freier and Stearns left the meeting. Messrs. Mark Falk, Chief Engineering Geologist; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Keith Fulton, Assistant Chief Engineer for Engineering & Planning; and Mark Gillett, Assistant Chief Engineer for Operations, entered the meeting.

7. Mr. Fredrick presented the Chief Engineer's report.

Emergency Relief Funding: The Commission received a copy of a letter from Mr. Bryan Cawley, Division Administrator for the FHWA, acknowledging WYDOT's letter of intent to request emergency relief (ER) funding to repair damage to federal-aid highways statewide. Mr. Fredrick provided an overview of the emergency relief funding process, explained the origin of that letter and the criteria for qualifying for federal ER funding. WYDOT has been granted funds before through the federal ER process. State funding is initially used to mitigate the damage, and the federal government reimburses the state for the design and repairs. It can take several years to receive the federal reimbursement of state funds.

Wyoming Landslides: WYDOT is currently monitoring 15 landslides statewide. Mr. Fredrick shared maps and photos of some of the most active and problematic slides. The Snake River Canyon slide is one of the more significant events, at an estimated cost of \$1 million for the repairs so far.

Pursuant to Governor Mead's recent emergency declaration for excessive rain, snow, flooding, and rapid spring runoff from snow melt, WYDOT has applied for federal emergency relief funding for these repairs. Mr. Cawley has instructed the Department to continue its emergency operations, to include emergency repairs, restoring essential traffic, and to reduce the extent of future damage. Estimates are being prepared for all damages statewide, for which WYDOT will apply for site specific emergency relief funding.

Vice Chairman Ruwart asked if other projects will have to be postponed because of these slides. Mr. Fredrick advised that because of WYDOT's cash flow situation, the Department will likely have to postpone other projects and prioritize its workload accordingly. Mr. Fredrick did note that we will be receiving about \$6 million in past ER fund reimbursements and this could assist in funding this year's repairs.

Mr. McGee left the meeting.

8. Mr. Fulton presented the Engineering and Planning report, beginning with the bid tabulations from the letting held April 13, 2017, in Cody.

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 1
Bob Ruwart - Vice Chairman**

Federal project STP-0807006, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, cement stabilized full-depth reclamation and bituminous pavement surfacing, chip seal, and miscellaneous work on approximately 8.00 miles of WYO 92, beginning at reference marker (RM) 0.00, between Torrington and Huntley, in Goshen County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,980,239.95	
Hedquist Construction Inc., Casper, WY	\$2,789,795.50	-6.4%
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$2,847,778.51	
Border States Paving, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$2,923,903.33	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,959,017.15	
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,297,969.23	
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$3,493,028.98	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Hedquist Construction Inc., of 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.

Commissioner Schmidt recently learned that WYDOT does not require retention on its projects. Mr. Fulton explained that WYDOT's policy is to assess daily liquidated damages on projects that go past the contractual completion date. Final payment is also withheld from contractors until the project is finished. Mr. Cawley advised that, at the national level, the performance bond and the overall contractor prequalification process was more of an incentive to accomplish the work on time.

Federal project NHPP-N853088, involving micro-surfacing and miscellaneous work on approximately 9.00 miles of US 85, beginning at RM 130.11, between Torrington and Lusk, in Goshen County. Completion date: September 30, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$753,580.00	
Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation,		
AKA: ASTECH Corporation, St. Joseph, MN	\$764,860.00	1.5%
Geneva Rock Products, Inc., Murray, UT	\$788,228.00	
Intermountain Slurry Seal, Inc., Watsonville, CA	\$789,545.00	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$963,385.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that Asphalt Surface Technologies Corporation, AKA: ASTECH Corporation, of St. Joseph, Minnesota, 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 1, 2, and 3

Bob Ruwart - Vice Chairman

Vacant - Commissioner

Todd Seeton - Chairman

State project SCP-TRFSN17, involving logo sign upgrades and miscellaneous work at various locations along I-80, including Albany, Carbon, Laramie, Sweetwater, and Uinta counties. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$110,616.50	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$135,032.00	22.1%
Traffic Safety Services, Inc., Bismarck, ND	\$170,330.00	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$178,846.50	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Pfrangle, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that S & L Industrial, of Cowley, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

COMMISSION DISTRICTS 1, 6, and 7

Bob Ruwart - Vice Chairman

Mike Larson - Commissioner

Phil Schmidt - Commissioner

Federal project HSIP-B179027, involving overhead sign removal and upgrades and miscellaneous work at various locations in Transportation District 2, including Converse, Natrona, Niobrara, and Platte counties. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$247,880.50	
S & L Industrial, Cowley, WY	\$249,844.00	0.8%
Traffic Safety Services, Inc., Bismarck, ND	\$356,462.65	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that S & L Industrial, of Cowley, 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

Todd Seeton - Chairman

Federal projects NHPP-N104083, ARSCT-N104A01, ARSCT-N104A02, ARSCT-N104A03, ARSCT-N104A05, ARSCT-N104A06, and NHPP-E-N104086 combined, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, removal and replacement of structures, concrete box culverts, placing crushed base and bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, electrical and sewer

systems, and miscellaneous work on approximately 4.00 miles of US 89, between Hoback Junction and Jackson, in Teton County. Completion date: June 30, 2019

Engineer's Estimate	\$32,306,214.05	
Wadsworth Brothers Construction Co., Draper, UT	\$33,307,313.70	3.1%
Hamilton Construction, Co., Springfield, OR	\$34,782,760.43	
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$35,374,933.00	
Sletten Construction Company, Great Falls, MT	\$35,701,447.60	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$36,865,457.64	

This project was let in February 2017, but the Commission opted to reject all bids. Since then, the Department reassessed the completion date, the construction requirements, environmental restrictions, and time lines, and some changes were made to the plans and specifications before the project was readvertised.

Commissioner Newton noted that the low bid for this project today was about \$900,000 more than when it was let two months ago. Mr. Fulton advised that there was no change to the project's scope of work, but the engineer's estimate was reassessed and some bid items were adjusted for accuracy, which caused the engineer's estimate and contractors' total bid amounts to increase. Mr. Fredrick also noted that the project drew one additional bidder since it was let again to contract.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Newton, and carried that Wadsworth Brothers Construction Co., of Draper, Utah, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be conditionally awarded the contract as low bidder, pending concurrence from Teton County and the Teton County School District. The Federal Highway Administration concurred with this decision.

Federal project STP-2000055, involving grading, draining, milling plant mix, plant mix wearing course, slide stabilization rock, and miscellaneous work at RM 13.21, on WYO 22, between Wilson and the Idaho state line, in Teton County. Completion date: June 30, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,216,315.00	
C. M. Owen Construction, LLC, Jackson, WY	\$1,481,762.53	21.8%
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$1,482,939.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Schmidt, and carried that C. M. Owen Construction, LLC, of Jackson, 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
Rick Newton - Commissioner

Federal projects NHPP-N372005 and ARSCT-N372A01 combined, involving grading, milling plant mix, placing crushed base, bituminous pavement surfacing, plant mix wearing course, full depth reclamation, electrical, and miscellaneous work on approximately 11.00 miles of US 14, beginning at RM 37.98, between Greybull and Burgess Junction, in Sheridan County. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$13,428,390.75	
Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., Cowley, WY	\$15,032,221.00	11.9%
Oftedal Construction, Inc., Casper, WY	\$15,748,811.45	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$15,858,715.25	
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$17,961,677.27	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that Wilson Bros. Construction, Inc., of Cowley, 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 NHPPI-I903098, involving grading, milling plant mix, bituminous pavement surfacing, bridge deck repair, and miscellaneous work on approximately 6.00 miles of I-90, beginning at RM 106.59, between Buffalo and Gillette, in Campbell County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,695,374.00	
Croell, Inc., Sundance, WY	\$2,398,884.63	-11.0 %
Hedquist Construction Inc., Casper, WY	\$2,590,906.73	
Northern Improvement Company and Sub, Fargo, ND	\$2,650,712.93	
McGarvin-Moberly Construction Co., Worland, WY	\$2,713,761.17	
Simon Contractors and its subsidiaries, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,714,312.00	
Border States Paving, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$2,831,472.73	
Riverside Contracting, Inc., Missoula, MT	\$2,962,701.00	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Croell, Inc., of Sundance, 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 5 and 7
Louie Pfrangle - Commissioner
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner

Federal project STP-BR-B175020, involving bridge rehabilitation and miscellaneous work on various structures at various locations in Transportation District 5, including Big Horn, Fremont, Hot Springs, and Park counties. Completion date: October 31, 2018

Engineer's Estimate	\$2,458,391.30	
Reiman Corp., Cheyenne, WY	\$2,952,543.80	20.1%
S & S Builders, LLC, Gillette, WY	\$3,718,918.30	
JM Concrete, Inc., Idaho Falls, ID	\$4,084,165.88	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried that Reiman Corp., of 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.

COMMISSION DISTRICT 7
Phil Schmidt - Commissioner

State project SCP-TC-0710026, involving grading, profile milling plant mix, placing pit run sub-base, cold in-place recycling, chip seal, and miscellaneous work on approximately 12.00 miles of WYO 136, beginning at RM 31.53, just east of Riverton, in Fremont County. Completion date: October 31, 2017

Engineer's Estimate	\$1,861,615.00	
Knife River, Cheyenne, WY	\$2,012,066.04	8.1%
71 Construction, Casper, WY	\$2,516,555.00	
Century Companies, Inc., Lewistown, MT	\$2,402,846.00	
Plus 5% for Comparison	\$2,522,988.30	

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Schmidt, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried that Knife River, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, having prequalified in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, be awarded the contract as low bidder.

9. Second-Quarter State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Addendum: Mr. Fulton presented the second-quarter addendum to the FY 2017 STIP.

It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Larson, and carried to approve the second-quarter addendum to the FY 2017 STIP.

10. It was recommended by Mr. Fulton, moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to approve the following Resolution for Relinquishment.

RESOLUTION FOR RELINQUISHMENT

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

WHEREAS, a portion of Wyoming Department of Transportation's right-of-way for WY59, Campbell County, Wyoming, established under Wyoming State Highway Project No. ARSCT 3560, is no longer needed for state highway or public use purposes. Said portion being described as follows:

PARCEL 16-000278:

Parcels of land located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 4; N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 3; S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 2; T50N, R72W, of the 6th P.M., Campbell County, Wyoming, as follows:

More particularly described as that tract of land as described in that certain Warranty Deed recorded in Book 1790 of Photos, Page 474, Document No. 802397 of the Campbell County Records;

And a parcel of land being a portion of that tract of land as described in that certain Quitclaim Deed recorded in Book 1790 of Photos, Page 472, Document No. 802396 of the Campbell County Records, being described by metes and bounds as follows:

Commencing at the west quarter corner of said Section 2;
thence along the westerly boundary of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ N08° 23' 59" W a distance of 27.70 feet to a point on the southeasterly right of way boundary of U.S. Highway 59, being the point of beginning of a non-tangent circular curve concave northwesterly, the radius of which is 4,100.00 feet and a line tangent bears N 64° 56' 33.4" E, also being THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
thence northeasterly along said right of way boundary and curve through a central angle of 11° 35' 46.7" a distance of 829.81 feet, chord being N 59° 08' 40.0" E a distance of 828.40 feet;
thence S 36° 39' 11.0" E a distance of 2.66 feet to the point of beginning of a non-tangent circular curve concave southerly, the radius of which is 174.00 feet and a line tangent bears N 53° 59' 32.6" E;
thence easterly along said curve through a central angle of 85° 42' 18.9" a distance of 260.28 feet, chord being S 83° 09' 18.0" E a distance of 236.68 feet;
thence S 40° 18' 01.0" E a distance of 312.14 feet;
thence N 49° 42' 00.0" E a distance of 200.00 feet;
thence N 40° 18' 01.0" W a distance of 681.28 feet to the point of beginning of a non-tangent circular curve concave northwesterly, the radius of which is 3,900.00 feet and a line tangent bears S 48° 13' 53.5" W;

thence southwesterly along said curve through a central angle of 15° 49' 52.8" a distance of 1,077.60 feet, chord being S 56° 08' 49.9" W, a distance of 1,074.18 feet, to a point on the westerly boundary of the SW¼NW¼ of said Section 2;

thence S 08° 23' 59.0" E a distance of 209.28 feet to the point of beginning. As shown on Exhibit "A" being attached hereto and made parts hereof.

The above described parcel of land contains 55.02 acres, more or less.

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

11. Mr. Gillett presented the Operations report.

Landslide Update: Mr. Gillett provided a list of 15 active landslides in Wyoming that are being monitored by WYDOT personnel. Two of the slides are considered high risk and critical; one is in the Snake River Canyon on US 26/89 and the other is in Hoback Canyon on US 189/191. Traffic is being re-routed around the slides. Contracts will be let soon and repair work will begin late this summer.

Flood Preparations: A map was provided to the Commission that showed the snow-water equivalent measurements statewide. Currently, the snow-water equivalent in the Wind River area is at 193 percent and in the Sweetwater drainage area it is 185 percent of normal.

Another map was provided depicting the flood potential in various areas statewide. The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security has identified Hudson, Lander, Riverton, and Dubois, in Fremont County, as the highest risks for flooding. There is also some concern that Big Piney, Marbleton, and LaBarge, in Sublette and Lincoln counties, will experience flooding during the spring runoff.

The Wyoming Office of Homeland Security is meeting today in Riverton with other emergency management personnel to prepare for the potential flooding. WYDOT is planning to move concrete barriers from Evanston to the Lander and Riverton areas to prepare for the flooding, pending the outcome of the Wyoming Office of Homeland Security meeting today.

New Wyoming Welcome Signs: The new Wyoming welcome signs are being distributed to the district shops for installation. Mr. Gillett showed a small sample sign to the Commission, depicting the Upper Green Lakes with Flat Top Mountain in the background. Mr. Gillett anticipates the signs will be installed by June 1, 2017.

The old signs will be auctioned through an online auction site. Commissioner Schmidt suggested donating a sign to a charitable organization as a fundraiser. Director Panos concurred with the idea and indicated the Department will consider this idea when disposing of the old signs.

Messrs. Falk, Fulton, and Gillett left the meeting.

12. Colonel Haller presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through March 31, 2017, includes 7¹ fatal crashes involving 10¹ deaths. The fatalities include 3 rollover crashes, 4 multi-car crashes, 1 all-terrain vehicle, and 2 pedestrians. Of the 7 fatal crashes that occurred so far this year, 1² involved a commercial vehicle.

There have been 3³ fatal crashes to date deemed drug or alcohol related, resulting in 4³ deaths. Of those deaths, 2 were attributed to not using occupant restraints. Two were rollover crashes and two involved pedestrians.

Of the 10 deaths that have occurred to date this year, 5 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 3 involving rollover crashes and 2 involving multi-car collisions. All of those who died from non-use of occupant restraints were Wyoming residents. Five of those who perished were under 21 years of age, and two of those fatalities were attributed to the failure to use proper occupant restraints.

Of the 7 fatal crashes that have occurred to date this year, 11 of them occurred on primary/secondary highways, 7 occurred on interstate highways, and 2 occurred on city/county roads.

Two multiple-fatality crashes have occurred on Wyoming highways as of March 31, 2017, of which 1 involved multiple vehicles and 1 was alcohol related.

Inclement weather or road conditions contributed to 5 vehicle crashes so far this year, which resulted in 5 deaths. Speed was considered a factor in 6 of the vehicle crashes that caused 8 deaths.

The days of the week for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

Sunday	3 crashes
Monday	4 crashes
Tuesday	3 crashes
Wednesday	1 crash
Thursday	5 crashes
Friday	3 crashes
Saturday	1 crash

The times of day for fatal crashes in 2017 are as follows:

12:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.	4 crashes
6:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	4 crashes
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	4 crashes
6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	8 crashes

¹Numbers at the time of reporting; final numbers may change.

²Number not included in total deaths (sub-crash data).

³Not all chemical test results were available at the time of reporting.

The following statistics were also provided to the Commission:

- 80 percent of those who died in rollover crashes were unbelted.
- 40 percent of all those who died in multi-vehicle crashes were unrestrained.
- 65 percent of the fatalities so far this year were drivers of the involved vehicles.
- Of those who died who were not wearing seat belts, 55 percent were Wyoming residents.
- 65 percent of the Wyoming resident fatalities were unbuckled.
- 33 percent of the non-resident fatalities were unrestrained.
- 2 individuals under 21 years of age have died in crashes.
- Alcohol and/or drug impairment was a factor in 39 percent of the fatalities and in 40 percent of the fatal crashes.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary depicts 1,786⁴ crashes statewide, of which 1,281⁴ involved non-commercial vehicles, and 505⁴ involved commercial vehicles.

Public Safety Education: From January 1 through March 20, 2017, the WHP conducted 30 safety education events, with over 3,200 attendees. Some of the safety training courses include child passenger safety, “Alive at 25,” and child protection and DUI education. Colonel Haller indicated the WHP will continue to conduct these training events to educate the public and to promote safety.

I-80 Criminal Interdiction Detail: The WHP conducted a criminal interdiction detail along I-80, April 10-14, 2017. During the five-day period, 381 speeding citations were issued, 5 DUI arrests and 21 felony drug arrests were made, almost 300 pounds of marijuana was seized, 24 pounds of THC edibles was confiscated, 16 pounds of methamphetamine was seized, and almost 1 pound of MDMA, also known as Ecstasy, was taken off the streets.

The WHP also took one child, who was a passenger in a moving vehicle, into protective custody that was in an endangered situation. Another juvenile male was brought into protective custody that was reported missing and endangered through the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s National Crime Information Center (NCIC). Two sex offenders were also identified and found in violation of their registration requirements, and one stolen vehicle and one stolen handgun were also recovered during the five-day detail.

Wyoming Highway Patrol Association Annual Banquet: Colonel Haller invited the commissioners to attend the WHP Association’s annual awards banquet in Green River, Wyoming, June 9 and 10, 2017. Further details of the event will be sent to the Commission for their consideration about whether to attend.

Trooper Recruitment: Testing will be conducted May 18 and 19 to fill the WHP’s 22 vacant trooper positions. Colonel Haller hopes to be able to fill the majority of these vacancies with this recruitment class.

⁴Does not contain all crashes worked; some reports are still pending.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE) and Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Programs: The ARIDE Program was created to address the gap in training between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the DRE Program. The SFST Program trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, while the DRE Program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment.

In the past, the WHP has contracted out DRE Program trainers to retired law enforcement to carry out education, training, and certification statewide. Colonel Haller is researching the possibility of bringing the training in-house to allow for growth within the WHP.

13. Vice Chairman Ruwart recessed the meeting at 11:46 a.m.

14. Vice Chairman Ruwart resumed the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

Commissioner Larson, Colonel Haller, and Messrs. Voyles and Symons did not return to the meeting.

15. Ms. Surdam presented the Aeronautics report.

Air Service Enhancement (ASE) Program: Ms. Surdam shared some information about the ASE Program, which is a state-funded grant program. The Cody, Gillette, Jackson, Riverton, Rock Springs, and Sheridan airports currently receive ASE funding. WYDOT receives about \$2.4 million biennially for the program through the legislature, but is able to expend about \$7 million biennially because of a reserve in the ASE account. Ms. Surdam anticipates the reserved funds will be depleted sometime in 2019.

Ms. Surdam advised that the Department will work with the Legislature to educate and work toward a consistent funding stream for the ASE Program. The Aeronautics Division has established Facebook and Twitter accounts and a monthly *Fly Wyoming* newsletter to raise public awareness of the need. An outreach video will also be made this summer for posting on the Facebook and Twitter accounts and on WYDOT's website, and for sharing at public meetings, to raise community awareness. An outreach conference is also being planned for October 2017.

Essential Air Service (EAS) Program: The EAS Program is federally funded. Eligible communities are only those that were enrolled in the program when it was initially established in 1978, after aircraft deregulation. Cody and Laramie are the only two Wyoming communities that currently receive EAS funding. Ms. Surdam provided handouts that summarize how each of these communities uses their EAS funding, and indicated both communities are doing well with steady enplanements.

President Trump's preliminary budget proposes removing EAS funding from the FY 2018 federal budget. If it passes, the Cody and Laramie airports would lose federal EAS funding and they would likely seek further state funding through the ASE Program to remain solvent, which could deplete the ASE Program funds at a faster rate.

Senator Enzi visited the Laramie and Cody airports this week, along with other state elected officials, to garner support for reinstating the EAS funding in the federal budget. Senator Enzi also noted the importance of addressing the pilot shortage for the sake of small airports and the role they play in those communities.

Ms. Surdam has also been working with the Wyoming Business Council and other entities to seek solutions for continued funding for the rural airports.

Wyoming Airport Tours: Ms. Surdam continues to meet with airport boards and managers statewide to build and strengthen relationships. Ten airport visits are planned for April 24-28, 2017. Ms. Surdam will also visit Casper College and Northwest Community College in Powell during her travel to discuss their state aeronautics programs.

16. Mr. Rossetti presented the Support Services report.

Employment Summary: WYDOT employed 1,945 personnel as of April 4, 2017, compared to 1,937 a month ago. The Department is still actively recruiting with almost 100 positions advertised, and 65 vacancies still being filled as of April 18, 2017.

State Hiring Freeze Update: On March 28, 2017, WYDOT received notice that a hard hiring freeze will be implemented, effective April 30, 2017. In accordance with Section 320 of the 2017 State budget bill, the hiring freeze applies to positions that are more than 80 percent funded through the General Fund. WYDOT no longer receives General Funds from the legislature, but the executive staff plans to work with program managers to ensure that appropriate staffing is accomplished department-wide while continuing to manage the Department's cash flow.

17. Mr. Lewis presented the Chief Technology Officer's report.

Public Safety Communications Commission (Communications Commission) Meeting: The Communications Commission met for its first business meeting under WYDOT's purview on April 5, 2017. Mr. Lewis noted that commission members are comfortable with the move and that they are learning and making a very smooth transition under the reorganization.

WyoLink Update: The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the WyoLink tower build-out deadline is April 21, 2017. A vendor will be selected and the final proposal will be presented for Transportation Commission consideration at their June 15 or July 20, 2017 business meeting.

The RFP will finalize the tower build-out for the WyoLink system, and highway funds will be used to finish the tower project. The Department will continue to seek a sustainable funding stream for the future modernization, maintenance and operation of the system. The state has contributed approximately \$100 million so far to build the WyoLink system. The anticipated cost to build the remaining towers is about \$16 million.

Mr. Lewis indicated that faux invoices continue to be sent to WyoLink users on a quarterly basis to validate their information for accuracy and to prepare users for their real costs in the future. Invoices are currently based on 75 percent usage and 25 percent for equipment, and the invoices will allow users to budget and prepare for the future of WyoLink.

Digital Message Signs on Wyoming Highways: Four fatal crashes occurred last weekend, which prompted WYDOT's Transportation Management Center (TMC) to enhance a campaign to promote safety on Wyoming's highways. The campaign focused on the causes of those crashes to bring awareness to the public about the importance of staying alert.

Connected Vehicles Project, Phase 2: The next phase of the Connected Vehicle Project is underway, and several roadside units have been deployed for testing. Basic safety messages are being received from the system and they are being transferred to the TMC.

WYDOT "511" Map Update: The TMC staff is also working to incorporate weather information into WYDOT's "511" map. Weather information will come from the National Weather Service.

18. It was moved by Commissioner Newton, seconded by Commissioner Pfrangle, and carried to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Seeton adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m., on Thursday, April 20, 2017.