

## **TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

The Transportation Commission of Wyoming met in the Commission Room of the Transportation Headquarters building in Cheyenne on January 24, 2008. The meeting was convened at 8:30 a.m. by Chairman Scott. The following members were present constituting a quorum:

Emerson Scott III, Chairman, Dayton  
Rip Hawkins, Vice Chairman, Devils Tower  
Charlie Monk, Commissioner, Lovell  
Susan Dziardziel, Commissioner, Douglas  
Cactus Covello Jr., Commissioner, Torrington  
Jim Latta, Commissioner, Pinedale  
Sandi McCormick, Commissioner, Rock Springs  
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; Jim O'Connor, Support Services Administrator; Colonel Sam Powell, Wyoming Highway Patrol Administrator; Dennis Byrne, Acting Aeronautics Administrator; Kevin Hibbard, Budget Officer; Doug McGee, Public Affairs Manager; Doug Moench, Senior Assistant Attorney General; Phil Miller, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration; and Lisa Jeremiah, Program Evaluator for the State Legislative Services Office.

1. Secretary Scott advised of two necessary changes to the agenda. Item 7.a, Proposed Revised Rules, Motor Carrier Section, would be moved to Item 9.a on the agenda; and Item 11, Chief Engineer's report, would become Item 6, following the Director's report. All subsequent agenda items would be re-numbered accordingly. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve these agenda changes.
2. It was recommended by Secretary Scott, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2007, regular business meeting and executive session.
3. Chairman Scott presented a letter from Mr. Robert B. Monahan of Bellingham, Massachusetts. Mr. Monahan provided information about his patented "hood ajar warning device" and asked that departments of transportation assist with getting statistical information about "hood popping" incidents. The Commission asked Secretary Scott to send a reply to Mr. Monahan, advising that they feel vehicle safety device implementation should remain under the auto industry's domain.
4. Director Cox presented the Director's report.

Lobbying Guidelines: Director Cox presented a handout describing lobbying guidelines for state employees, boards, and commissions. Commissioners have slightly more latitude in lobbying, but care must be taken to provide objective, factual information, and to not express subjective personal opinions when speaking with legislators. Commissioners must use caution when using State resources for lobbying.

Joint Appropriations Committee (JAC): Executive staff members attended the January 7, 2008, meeting of the JAC. Executive staff testified before the Committee for over five hours.

High profile vehicles were discussed at the meeting, particularly the hazards they cause when being driven too fast for conditions. Director Cox advised that the Department must take action toward curbing the hazards on I-80. A study will be conducted within the next year, and additional ITS devices may be installed. Funding and legislative support are key to resolving the problem, and finding a solution will be difficult. Director Cox and Mr. McOmie will prepare a draft plan for presentation at the June Commission meeting. The plan will provide options for implementing safety, and the Department will choose one option for presentation to the legislature.

Mr. McOmie indicated that funding has been proposed by the JAC for additional ITS devices and personnel to service the devices. WYOLINK is also available to implement some dynamic overhead and placard signs to warn drivers about reduced speed limits. The new transportation management center will also be utilized to implement the plan.

5. Mr. Kevin Hibbard presented the Budget report.

Mr. Hibbard provided information about federal mineral royalties and severance tax income and the procedure for distributing the revenue. The Department receives funding allotments each quarter, in October, January, April, and June. Calendar year 2007 distributions were \$12 million, as anticipated. The first quarter 2008 expenditures are also on track.

6. First Quarter Budget Revision: Revenue was higher than anticipated during the first quarter, primarily because of diesel fuel tax and oversized/overweight load and motor vehicle registration fees. Funds were moved from state construction to contract maintenance in the first quarter. If general funds are made available by the legislature, adjustments will be made to the budget to finance these changes with general funds.

Mr. Hibbard advised that federal funding can no longer be used to pay for training, so state funds will be used. Commission budget modifications were also explained.

Approximately \$1.39 million was carried over from the 2005 equipment budget for the Department to take delivery of rotary snow plows during the first quarter. Just under \$500,000 was also received from the buy back sales of front-end loaders. This amount was credited back to the equipment budget.

It was recommended by Mr. Kevin Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Dziardziel, and carried to approve the first-quarter fiscal year 2008 budget revision.

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

Maintenance Budget Update: Mr. McOmie advised that increased snowfall this winter has significantly impacted the Department's maintenance budget. About 72 percent of its total budget has been used so far compared to 50 percent of the average in past years. About \$4 million is needed to make up the shortfall, particularly in southern Wyoming. Districts 4 and 5 maintenance budgets are aligned with their snow maintenance budgets. Median guardrail accidents have also impacted the maintenance budget this year.

Mr. McOmie advised that 14 snow plow trucks have been hit so far this winter. All the accidents were relatively low dollar impact, but the plows are out of service and need repair. No employees have been seriously injured in the accidents. The crashes are, however, taking a toll on crew morale.

The districts are working hard to keep the road open. Districts have shifted personnel around to help in areas hardest hit by snow and wind. Construction personnel are also helping in maintenance activities.

Wyoming Contractor's Association (WCA)/WYDOT Meeting: Executive staff members recently met with WCA representatives and executive board members. The WCA expressed concern about the Department's project letting schedule. The WCA is particularly concerned about the following:

- Asphalt prices are lower now, but prices are expected to go up soon. The Department hasn't been letting jobs because of limited funding, and contractors are concerned about missing out on the opportunity to purchase the lower priced asphalt;
- Construction industry layoffs are prevalent right now, and some companies have laid off up to 50 employees because of the work shortage;
- The types and make-up of projects and the timeliness of WYDOT lettings.

Mr. McOmie reviewed the projects in the April and May 2008 lettings. A number of projects were moved up to the March letting on the premise of receiving legislative funding. Although risky, Mr. McOmie advised that letting these projects earlier is critical to the contractor industry. If WYDOT doesn't receive additional state funding, the Commission could reject the award of the state-funded projects.

American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Request: Mr. McOmie provided a handout containing a list of WYDOT projects that could move quickly to construction if funding becomes available. The list is a result of AASHTO's survey of ready-to-go projects that could be awarded within 90 days if additional federal funds are provided through the

enactment of federal economic stimulus legislation. The Department has 55 projects totaling \$287.2 million that meet the survey criteria. AASHTO requested the information in hopes that \$5 billion in infrastructure funding would be provided as part of an economic stimulus package.

Fireguard Mapping: Chairman Scott asked Mr. McOmie if the Department could provide aerial mapping of railroad rights-of-way. Counties in northeast Wyoming are concerned that railroads are not providing adequate fireguard protection and drought conditions have county officials concerned about wildfires. As the Department has oversight in rail issues, Chairman Scott inquired about the use of the Department's digital (aerial) camera to take infrared photos to determine whether additional fireguard protection is needed by the railroads. Mr. McOmie said he would investigate the cost, time to fly the routes, and the impact the assignment would have on the Department's scheduling of normal construction photo missions.

8. Mr. Collins presented the Engineering & Planning report.

It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve the following project authorizations.

## **COMMISSION DISTRICT 2**

### Rural Major Collector

IRP 0.00 CN04079; Sweetwater County; Middle Baxter Road, County Road 45; reference marker 0.00; reconstruction; fiscal year 2009 construction; request state construction funds of \$2,000,000 and IRP funds of \$1,000,000

### Rural Local

IRP 0.00 CN05074; Albany County; U.S. 30 Intersection; reference marker 318.00; new approach; fiscal year 2008; request state preliminary engineering funds of \$100,000, state construction engineering and construction funds of \$2,100,000, and IRP funds of \$1,000,000

### Urban Local

ARSCT 0.00 0802A01; Sweetwater County; Rock Springs Marginal; Dewar Drive and Gateway Boulevard; reference marker 0.00; water line; fiscal year 2008; request construction engineering and construction funds of \$106,370; to be reimbursed by the City of Rock Springs

## **COMMISSION DISTRICT 4**

### Rural Interstate

SCP-SL08 0.00 B082059; Johnson County; Kaycee Area - North Fork Powder River; reference marker ML-25 258.98, ML1002 4.38; reconstruct berm slopes, new erosion protection; fiscal year 2008; request state preliminary engineering funds of \$46,487 and state construction engineering and construction funds of \$753,637

Urban Local

ARSCT 0.00 4687A01; Campbell County; Gillette Streets, Sinclair Street; reference marker 0.00; water and sanitary sewer system, and roadway lighting; fiscal year 2008; request construction engineering and construction funds of \$564,330; to be reimbursed by the City of Gillette

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 5**

Rural Principal Arterial

ARSCT 26.50 N371A01; Big Horn County; Shell Falls Parking Lot; reference marker 26.50; overlay and chip seal; fiscal year 2008; request construction engineering and construction funds of \$50,731; to be reimbursed by the U.S. Forest Service

Rural Major Collector

RHC 0.91 0208011; Big Horn County; east of Lovell, WYO 37; reference marker 0.910; install concrete surface, Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF); fiscal year 2008; request federal construction engineering and construction funds of \$202,000

**COMMISSION DISTRICT 7**

Rural Principal Arterial

SCP 103.12 N203061; Fremont County; Hudson to Riverton, access to the 789 Bingo Casino; reference marker 103.12; widening by others; fiscal year 2008; request state preliminary engineering and construction engineering funds of \$8,000

ARSCT 1.62 ARS3717; Converse County; U.S. 18/20 Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad (BNSF); reference marker 1.620; plan review and inspection, BNSF to expand railway service; fiscal year 2008; request funds of \$100,000; to be reimbursed by the BNSF Railroad

Urbanized Principal Arterial

CMP-GM 186.80 0505016; Natrona County; Evansville - Natrona County Line; reference marker 186.80; storm sewer, drainage; fiscal year 2008; request state preliminary engineering funds of \$6,450; state construction engineering and construction funds of \$116,887

9. Mr. Collins presented the first quarter addendum to the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the first quarter addendum to STIP.

10. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION FOR EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR ACCESS FACILITY**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to W.S. 1-26-512, 1-26-801, 24-2-102 and 24-6-106, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming is authorized to institute condemnation proceedings where property for public use cannot be acquired through good faith negotiation by purchase or gift; and

**WHEREAS**, the public interest and necessity require the construction of Project I080-03(135), Rock Springs - Rawlins, Wamsutter West Section, in Sweetwater County, and that the property shown on the right-of-way plans for this project is required for highway purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming has determined that the aforementioned project is planned or located to be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements to be acquired are identified as being located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, T.19N., R.95W.; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, T.20N., R.94W.: all of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Sweetwater County, Wyoming, and constitute approximately 6.34 acres of property for right-of-way and approximately 9.86 acres of property for temporary construction easements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the property sought to be acquired is necessary for the proposed project and in the event successful negotiations cannot be effectuated with any owner or owners thereof, condemnation proceedings are authorized to be commenced and prosecuted to acquire the necessary right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements.

11. It was recommended by Mr. Collins, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Vice Chairman Hawkins, and carried to approve the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTION FOR EXERCISE OF EMINENT DOMAIN**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to W.S. 1-26-512, 1-26-801 and 24-2-102, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming is authorized to institute condemnation proceedings where property for public use cannot be acquired through good faith negotiation by purchase or gift; and

**WHEREAS**, the public interest and necessity require the construction of Project ROW-0404010, the Hanna - Elk Mountain Road, in Carbon County, and that the property shown on the right-of-way plans for this project is required for highway purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Transportation Commission of Wyoming has determined that the aforementioned project is planned or located to be most compatible with the greatest public good and the least private injury; and

**WHEREAS**, the right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements to be acquired are identified as being located in Gov't. Lot 4 and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 1, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, all

of T.20N., R.81W.; Gov't Lots 3, 4 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, T.21N., R.80W.; Gov't. Lots 3 and 4, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 13, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Section 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, E $\frac{1}{2}$ W $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 25, all of T.21N., R.81W.; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 29, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, all of T.22N., R.81W.; all of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Carbon County, Wyoming, and constitute approximately 0.04 of an acre of property for right-of-way and approximately 11.56 acres of property for temporary construction easements.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the property sought to be acquired is necessary and appropriate for the proposed project and in the event successful negotiations cannot be effectuated with any owner or owners thereof, condemnation proceedings are authorized to be commenced and prosecuted to acquire the necessary right-of-way and/or temporary construction easements.

12. Mr. Collins informed the Commission that Mr. Mike Hager, WYDOT's Chief Engineering Geologist, will retire April 4, 2008. Mr. Hager has been the Geology Program manager for 15 years. The position will be advertised and filled as soon as possible so a new program manager can begin training with Mr. Hager before he retires.

Mr. McOmie left the meeting.

13. Colonel Powell presented the Highway Patrol report.

The Fatal Crash Summary through December 31, 2007, includes 134 fatal crashes involving 147 deaths. The fatalities include 76 involving rollover crashes, 35 involving multi-car crashes, 27 involving commercial vehicles, 27 involving motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles, 2 involving pedestrians, and 7 involving fixed objects.

There have been 54 crashes to date deemed alcohol related, resulting in 62 deaths. Of those deaths, 39 were attributed to not using restraints.

Of the 147 deaths that have occurred to date in 2007, 75 can be attributed to the non-use of occupant restraints, with 58 involving rollover crashes, 13 involving multi-car collisions, and 4 involving fixed objects. Of the 75 deaths that occurred from non-use of occupant restraints, 56 were Wyoming residents, and 19 were non-residents.

Colonel Powell reported that there were 48 fewer fatalities in 2007 than last year. It's difficult to identify one specific reason for fewer deaths, but seatbelt usage is definitely a major contributing factor. Safer vehicles and road design improvements may also have contributed to fewer fatalities.

Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary: The Patrol-Investigated Crash Summary reflects activity through November 30, 2007. The summary depicts 6,154 crashes statewide, of which 5,062 involved non-commercial vehicles, and 1,092 involved commercial vehicles.

Patrol Field Arrest Activity: Field arrest activity indicates that the majority of arrests made as of December 31, 2007, have been DUI related. Field arrests total to date, including:

- DUI arrests from crashes - 181
- DUI arrests from traffic stops - 892
- DUI arrests from the REDDI Program - 234
- DUI arrests from ports-of-entry - 16
- NCIC hits (person) - 92
- Wyoming warrants hits - 275
- Drug arrests - 250
- Other arrests - 441

Trooper Vacancies: There are currently 14 trooper vacancies with the Highway Patrol. Sixteen troopers are currently in training at the Basic Academy at Camp Guernsey. There are also four additional troopers currently attending the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy.

Patrol Car Accidents: Consistent with past years, 64 patrol car crashes happened in 2007, but fewer severe crashes occurred. Numerous trooper injuries were sustained in these crashes.

Legislative Issues: A list of Patrol-related bills has been established and will be monitored during the upcoming legislative session. Increased fees for commercial vehicles, differential speeds for trucks and cars, and other bills will have a low impact on the Highway Patrol's business process. Some history and highlights of the Patrol Dispatch retirement issue were presented at the January 7, 2008, Joint Appropriations Committee meeting.

14. Mr. Byrne presented the Aeronautics report.

Mr. Byrne advised that the hourly rate for flight operations is currently covering the consumable costs as intended; however, an increase in jet fuel prices could require increasing the per hour usage rate for state-owned aircraft. The Commission can expect the issue to be readdressed at the June Commission meeting.

Mr. Hibbard advised that the Aeronautics budget is balanced because of appropriate expenditures. The State jets are still being used to their maximum capacity. Mr. Byrne advised that the State's Encore jets have been deemed the best fit for Wyoming's climate. The jet power is necessary to safely fly in and out of some Wyoming airports. Chairman Scott asked Mr. Byrne whether other aircraft are available that could more efficiently provide for the State's needs. Commissioner Latta requested a report to justify owning the Encores versus some other aircraft. Director Cox suggested



that the report should reflect comparisons between flying versus driving. The ultimate payoff is how much productivity is gained by flying, since driving can sometimes reduce productivity by several days per trip. Mr. Byrne will prepare a report for presentation at a future Commission meeting.

15. Mr. O'Connor presented the Support Services report.

Mr. O'Connor and Colonel Powell presented revised Motor Carrier Section, Chapter 1, Motor Carriers, of the WYDOT Rules and Regulations. The revised rule was advertised in accordance with Wyoming Statutes. Comments were received during the 45-day advertisement period, and all were considered. A comment summary was provided to the Commission. Colonel Powell presented definitions and changes, and Mr. O'Connor briefed the Commission about the restrictions under the proposed new rule.

It was recommended by Mr. O'Connor, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve the following resolution.

### **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Department of Transportation with the approval of the Transportation Commission of Wyoming, pursuant to W.S. 24-2-105, W.S. 31-18-104(vi), and W.S. 31-18-303, is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations as described in the following; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wyoming Department of Transportation through the Transportation Commission of Wyoming desires to adopt Motor Carrier Section, Chapter 1, Motor Carriers, to administer motor carrier operations in Wyoming as set forth in the Wyoming Commercial Vehicle Act (W.S. 31-18-101 through W.S. 31-18-903); and

**WHEREAS**, a forty-five day public comment period was held to solicit written comments concerning the revisions to these rules; and

**WHEREAS**, the written public comments received during the comment period were considered by the Transportation Commission of Wyoming and the rules subsequently revised by the Wyoming Department of Transportation;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Transportation Commission of Wyoming officially adopts Chapter 1, Motor Carriers.

16. Chairman Scott recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

17. Chairman Scott resumed the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

18. Mr. O'Connor continued the Support Services report.

REAL ID Program: The final REAL ID regulations were provided to Mr. O'Connor on January 11, 2008, at 7:45 A.M., and a scheduled conference call was held 45 minutes later with Homeland Security to discuss the requirements. The Department will request a time extension to December 31, 2009, as it is not possible to meet the present deadline of May 11, 2008.

The Department will have to make some procedural changes with REAL ID implementation. An applicant's photo must be taken first whereas presently that is the last thing done. Applicants will need to provide two documents that show their residential address. They will need to provide at least one source document to prove their identity. The Department will be required to make copies of all documents presented to prove identity and residential address. The Department will retain copies of these documents. There are various time frames for record retention. Individuals who are not eligible to hold a driver's license but are planning on flying or entering a Federal building must have a compliant REAL ID identification card or a passport. The current Wyoming driver's license format will also require some minor changes. Full names must appear on licenses, as well as a symbol showing that the license is compliant. Background checks and fingerprinting must be done for all Driver Services employees. All driver's license facilities must meet certain security criteria. Some state statutes will also have to change for REAL ID. Other changes may also be required to meet REAL ID mandates.

Mr. McOmie re-entered the meeting.

VeriSol™ Update: Driver Services staff continues efforts with VeriSol™ Solutions, Inc., to work out some minor glitches in the insurance verification process. A conference call was held January 23, 2008, with about 60 insurance company representatives. Future conference calls will occur every second and fourth Wednesday each month to address problematic areas.

Legislative Update: Legislation for abandoned vehicles, fuel tax amendments, street rods and custom vehicles, commercial vehicle fees, fuel tax increases, vehicles' sales and use tax, and multiple specialty handicap license plates will be proposed in the upcoming session.

19. Mr. Tim Hibbard presented the Operations report.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for RFP No. C-8561 to furnish the Wyoming Highway Safety analysis system. The bid was awarded to ITIS Corporation of Clovis, California, for the sum of \$500,200.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0037 to furnish removal and replacement of vehicle weight scales at the WYDOT Casper Port-of-Entry. The bid was awarded to Andreen Hunt Construction, Inc., of Mills, Wyoming, for the sum of \$412,000.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Dziardziel, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0045 to furnish 900,000 each, 2008 Wyoming highway maps, for distribution by the WYDOT Public Affairs Program. The bid was awarded to Frederick Printing of Aurora, Colorado, for the sum of \$93,960.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Vice Chairman Hawkins, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0046 to furnish 12,600 each aluminum sheets and sign blanks for use by the WYDOT Traffic Program Sign Shop. The bid was awarded to U.S. Standard Sign of Franklin Park, Illinois, for the sum of \$141,412.50.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Covello, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0048 to furnish casework replacement for Interstates 25 and 80 and U.S. 85 ports-of-entry. The bid was awarded to Edwards General Contractors Inc. of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$66,820.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Dziardziel, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0055 to furnish one each, new, current model tandem tractor for use in Wheatland. The bid was awarded to Cheyenne Freightliner Sterling Western Star, Inc., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$76,800.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Monk, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0056 to furnish three each, new, current model extended cab and chassis for platform lift for delivery in Casper, Cheyenne, and Rock Springs. The bid was awarded to Greiner Ford Lincoln Mercury of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$98,137.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Covello, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0057 to furnish two each, new, current model platform lifts for use in Casper and Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to Ameri-Tech Equipment Co. of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$115,986.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner Covello, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0058 to furnish six each, new, current model articulated front-end loaders for delivery in Thermopolis, Laramie, Cheyenne, Arlington, Ten Sleep, and Kemmerer. The bid was awarded to Wyoming Machinery of Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the sum of \$664,008.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0060 to furnish 27 each, new, current model power reverse snow plows. The bid was awarded to Jack's Truck & Equipment of Gillette, Wyoming, for the sum of \$118,584.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Dziardziel, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0066 to furnish 19 each, new, current model 13-foot self-unloading abrasive spreaders for delivery in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to CMI-Teco of Casper, Wyoming, for the sum of \$158,919.42.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0070 to furnish 11,900 each, rough lumber for snow fence repairs and construction for delivery in Laramie, Casper, Gillette, Lander, South Pass, and Sheridan. The bid was awarded to Forest Products Distributors, Inc., of Rapid City, South Dakota, for the sum of \$56,923.50.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0075 to furnish 13,470 each steel delineator posts and 4,100 each steel line posts for delivery in Laramie, Casper, Granger, Moorcroft, and Basin. The bid was awarded to Geotec Industrial Supply of Mills, Wyoming, for the sum of \$115,711.70.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0076 to furnish 12,000 each treated sign and fence posts for delivery in Laramie, Casper, Granger, Sheridan, Basin, and Shoshoni. The bid was awarded to Buckingham Lumber Co., Inc., of Buffalo, Wyoming, for the sum of \$106,737.30; Ayres & Baker Pole & Post, Inc., of Mountain View, Wyoming, for the sum of \$19,127.70; and Bloedorn Lumber of Laramie, Wyoming, for the sum of \$17,710.64; for a total sum of \$143,575.64.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0077 to furnish four each, new, current model self-propelled hydraulic scarifiers for delivery in Cheyenne. The bid was awarded to SASE Company, Inc., of Kent, Washington, for the sum of \$67,092.76.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to approve purchase for bid 08-0079 to furnish 5,315 each bridge rail/guard rail components for delivery in Laramie, Casper, Jackson, Basin, and Moorcroft. The bid was awarded to Professional Contractors, Inc., of Lovell, Wyoming, for the sum of \$158,632.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Dziardziel, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 7804 to furnish 56 each, Trimble complete global positioning system base-rover equipment for use by the Photogrammetry & Surveys Section. The bid was awarded to Inland GPS, Inc., Cody, Wyoming, for the sum of \$355,540.50.

It was recommended by Mr. Hibbard, moved by Commissioner Latta, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to approve purchase for Requisition No. 8270 to furnish 1,238 each Microsoft

Office Standard versions and 216 Microsoft Office Professional versions. The bid was awarded to Dell Marketing, LLP, of Round Rock, Texas, for the sum of \$361,971.44.

20. It was moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner McCormick, and carried to move into executive session. The Commission went into executive session at 2:30 p.m.

21. It was moved by Commissioner Covello, seconded by Commissioner Monk, and carried to move out of executive session. The Commission went out of executive session at 3:25 p.m.

22. It was moved by Vice Chairman Hawkins, seconded by Commissioner Latta, and carried to adjourn the meeting. The business meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m., Thursday, January 24, 2008.