

Approved Minutes of January 12, 2011 Truck Regulatory Committee

The meeting of the Barnes, Dickey, LaMoure and Stutsman Counties Truck Regulatory Committee

(TRC) was held at 10:30 a.m. at the Barnes County Highway Department conference room. In attendance were Commissioner John Froelich and Road Superintendent Kerry Johnson, Barnes County; Commissioner Joel Hamar, Dickey County; Road Superintendent Gene Hebl of LaMoure County; and Commissioners Dale Marks and Dave Schwartz of Stutsman County. With six of the eight representatives attending, a quorum was present. Also present were Ed McGough, Barnes County Auditor and Brad Cruff, Assistant Barnes County State's Attorney.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Froelich.

Minutes: Road Superintendent Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the November 26, 2010 meeting as presented, Commissioner Schwartz seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Auditor McGough reported that the TRC fund currently had a balance of \$80,000 with no expenses to date. He requested that the TRC develop various line items for the fund. Commissioner Hamar moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, Superintendent Hebl seconded the motion, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Old Business: Six scales that were ordered have arrived at the Barnes County Highway Department. Auditor McGough has not received a bill as of this time but the cost is \$26,370.

It was reported that a scale storage rack need not be ordered as a used one can be obtained from State Surplus at little or no cost.

It was reported that the Mayville Police Department turned their vehicles over to Trail County. As

a result, purchase of a used fully equipped police SUV from the Mayville Police Department is no longer an option.

Hatton Ford submitted a quote of \$28,510.58 for a 2011 5.4 liter Ford Expedition SUV equipped with the Police Package (carpeted flooring in the front with vinyl floor covering in the rear, no center console and better quality tires). The purchase of this vehicle by a political subdivision is tax exempt. Stoudt-Ross Ford of Valley City submitted a quote of \$28,135 for a similar vehicle. It was unsure if this was a Police Package or if the price would increase dependant upon Ford's North Dakota State Fleet concession for 2011. Zach Dietz, Sales Representative of Stoudt-Ross Ford who was briefly present to answer questions on his proposal, indicated he would know by the close of the day and pass the information on to Superintendent Johnson.

Perkins of Valley City and Blumhardt's of Ellendale were solicited but did not submit quotes. It is the preference of the committee to buy within the district if possible for the benefit of warranty

work, service and so forth. If Stoudt-Ross Ford submits a quote for a vehicle comparable to the Hatton Ford quote for \$29,510.58 or less, the committee would accept the quote and authorized Superintendent Johnson to order the Expedition.

It is anticipated it will take approximately two months for delivery of the vehicle.

Motion by Commissioner Marks, second by Commissioner Schwartz, to authorize Superintendent

Johnson to proceed as indicated, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Superintendent Hebl reported that LaMoure County has a \$32,000 grant with a 20% match to purchase radios and the radio for the TRC vehicle could be purchased through this grant.

Superintendent Hebl should check with Jamestown Communications to ensure that the radio is compatible and can be programmed to communicate with the various Sheriff's

Departments, Highway Departments, State Radio and the North Dakota Highway Patrol.

Commissioner Hamar moved and Commissioner Schwartz seconded to authorize

Superintendent Hebl to purchase a suitable radio using grant funds through LaMoure County.

All voted in favor, motion carried.

Commissioner Hamar will check into the cost of on-site installation of the light bar.

Commissioner

Schwartz suggested that State Surplus be contacted to see if they have a used light bar. It

was reported that the Stutsman County Sheriff's Office does its own installation of accessories and would install the light bar for the TRC at no cost.

It was not clear if the TRC Officer would be an exempt employee or not. Attorney Cruff will check

into this further. Regardless, the Officer needs to keep track of his/her hours due to seasonality and accountability.

TRC Officer duties will be similar to the Richland County Truck Regulatory responsibilities.

Motion by Commissioner Marks, second by Superintendent Johnson, to adopt the duties as amended by the TRC Committee, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Candidates must be peace officers licensed by the State of North Dakota. Salary range of \$38,000-\$42,000 DOE, with Barnes County benefits. Attorney Cruff will prepare the job listing which will be listed with Job Service North Dakota and on the law enforcement teletype for 30 days from the time of posting. The counties may also post the opening on their respective web sites. Anticipated start date is March 15, 2011.

It was the consensus of the committee that the TRC Officer use and enforce the same truck regulations as used by the State of North Dakota for purposes of consistency. Trooper, John Sova, North Dakota Highway Patrol in Jamestown has offered to assist in training the TRC Officer in an effort to ensure consistency.

Discussion of county informational meetings was had. The TRC Officer and respective county representatives would host informational meetings to notify the public of the new position, allow the TRC Officer to get to know residents, and to answer questions the public may have. Each county and the TRC Officer will be responsible to host their own meeting if they so desire.

There being no further business, Commissioner Hamar moved, seconded by Superintendent Johnson, to adjourn. All voted in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad Cruff, Secretary
Assistant Barnes County State's Attorney