

Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-75-14

To: Chair and Members of the Transportation and Public Safety Committee
From: M.J. Kelly, Director of Transportation Services
Meeting Date: December 18, 2014
Subject: Grader Disposal
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as amended by adding “AND THAT the equipment be declared as surplus and disposed of in accordance with policy” per Resolution TAPS08-15; Endorsed by County Council January 6, 2015 per Resolution CC22-15;

Recommendation(s)

THAT Addendum to Report TR-TAPS-75-14 regarding the disposal of a surplus Transportation Services Department grader be received for information purposes.

Background

When Grey County Transportation Services has equipment that has exceeded its defined useful life or is no longer required, the equipment is disposed.

When surplus equipment is identified, Grey County’s Purchasing Department utilizes an online auction (GovDeals) to liquidate these assets. This system provides notification to the lower tiers within Grey County that surplus equipment is now available for bid and provides them with the opportunity to submit a bid price for each unit. A minimum price per unit is identified to ensure Grey County receives a fair price for each piece of equipment. The Transportation Services Department establishes these minimums. If no bids are received at or above the minimum from the lower tier municipalities, this equipment is then offered to the general public for purchase through the auction process on GovDeals.

By disposing of this equipment, it eliminates the need for the mechanics to constantly service the units; inactivity of the equipment also results in more repairs. A more reasonable price will be obtained when newer units are offered.

The County owns a 2007 grader with less than 4,000 hours that has been used exclusively for “in house” construction projects. This grader is too large for shoulder

maintenance and is not equipped for winter maintenance. There is no substantial work for the grader; therefore, it is recommended the grader be disposed.

At the October 23, 2014 Transportation and Public Safety Committee Meeting the original report was presented and additional information was requested. The following addresses these inquiries:

- **The estimated cost to install plowing equipment on this grader is \$40,000.**
- **During the winter of 2013/2014, \$108,630 was spent on snow blowing.**
- **Snow blowers have not been used on Grey County Roads for several winters prior to 2013/2014.**
- **During the winter of 2013/2014, \$40,366 was spent on loaders pushing back snow banks. In the previous winters the loaders would be used occasionally to push back snow banks at intersections.**
- **The Transportation Services Department has made improvements regarding the scheduling of the two graders equipped with winter plowing apparatuses to complete winter maintenance, if needed, for the upcoming winter.**

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

It is anticipated that the County will receive approximately \$120,000 from the sale of the grader. These funds will provide additional revenue for the 2014 Equipment Capital budget.

By prolonging the sale of the grader, the estimated compensation may be reduced and Grey County would need to continue servicing the grader.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Strategic Goal 6: Achieving Excellence in Governance and Service

Respectfully submitted by,

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