

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SARPY COUNTY, NEBRASKA
RESOLUTION WAIVING BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF THE COUNTY PURCHASING ACT FOR
ROCK SALT FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-104(6)(Reissue 1997), the County has the power to do all acts in relation to the concerns of the County necessary to the exercise of its corporate powers; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §23-103 (Reissue 1997), the powers of the County as a body are exercised by the County Board; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board can waive the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act §23-3109 (2) reissue 2006; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County uses rock salt ensure there is no ice build up which is critical to the safety of County roads; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County's current supply of rock salt is not able to provide enough protection to County roads as required; and

WHEREAS, Sarpy County's current vendor is unable to supply the County with sufficient rock salt at this time; and

WHEREAS, There are vendors able to supply the County with rock salt to assist in meeting our current needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS THAT: the County Board waives the bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act and authorizes the Purchasing Department and Highway Department to purchase rock salt from capable sources.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2009.

Moved by Rich Jansen, and seconded by Pat Thomas, that the above Resolution be adopted. Carried.

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

[Signature]
Rich Jansen
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Patrick J. Thomas

none

none

ABSTAIN:

none



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Attest:

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Approved as to form:

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Sarpy County Purchasing Department

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MEMO

To: Sarpy County Board of Commissioners
From: Beth Cunard
Re: Waive Bidding Requirements for Rock Salt

Sarpy County typically enters into a contract to purchase needed rock salt for road de-icing. The current contract for rock salt is with Nebraska Salt and Grain for \$42.26 a ton during off peak times and \$51.51 a ton during peak winter months. Nebraska Salt and Grain has been unable to deliver any salt to Sarpy County since before Christmas and are unable to inform the County when salt will be available. In order to meet immediate salt demands, the Highway Department has contacted several vendors and found two suppliers who have salt available within the next two weeks. These vendors are Nebraska Turf and Trail (200 tons at \$66.00 per ton) and Christensen Grading (200 tons at \$90.00 per ton).

State Statue 23-3109 (2) reissue 2006 allows the County Board, by majority vote of members, to waive bidding requirements of the County Purchasing Act to meet an emergency which threatens serious loss of life, health, or property of the County. The Sarpy County Purchasing and Highway Departments believe the current supply of salt held by the County is not adequate for winter de-icing and additional salt is needed for the protection of drivers on Sarpy County roads.

It is recommended that the County Board waive bidding requirements for the purchase of rock salt. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 593-4476.

January 28, 2009


Beth Cunard

cc: Deb Houghtaling
Mark Wayne
Brian Hanson
Rich Weber

Beth Cunard

From: Rich Weber
Sent: Tuesday, January 27, 2009 8:13 AM
To: Beth Cunard
Cc: Tom Lynam; Brian Hanson
Subject: Salt Order

Beth

Our current salt supplier Nebraska Salt and Grain has not delivered any salt to us since before Christmas. I have had many conversations with them as to when we will get the salt and as of yesterday they still could not tell me when we would receive any.

I checked around and found two local suppliers that have some salt available to them in the next two weeks. To be sure we have enough salt for the remaining winter I went ahead and placed an order for the salt which is in very high demand now and in very short supply.

The suppliers are Nebraska Turf and Trail
 Approx 200 tons at \$66.00 per ton

 Christensen Grading
 Approx 200 tons at \$90.00 per ton

Thanks Rich



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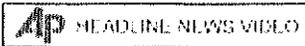
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The city advertised bids during the summer - when salt usually is priced lower - but didn't receive until September, as salt suppliers became inundated with orders, Hanson said.

"There's a higher need this year compared to a normal year," Hanson said. "If we have a reasonable winter, we have sufficient supplies."

The city used 11,000 tons of salt last winter, during which 59.9 inches of snow fell. About 30.2 in average.

The DOT spread 300,000 tons of salt across Iowa - 148,000 of it in December alone - to melt snow ice.

"The winter didn't end soon enough for us," Burkheimer said. "We

are rooting for an average year." The DOT already has 200,000 tons of salt at \$63 a ton - up from year - to use on 10,000 miles of state highways and interstates this winter, and has contracted with companies to provide another 150,000 tons during the snowy season.

It's enough to get Iowa through a normal or slightly harsher winter, Burkheimer said.

"The big unknown is what kind of winter we're going to have," he said. "If it's a repeat of last year, it will make things tough. If it's normal, we should be OK."

Thirty-one DOT maintenance garages - mostly in northeast Iowa, but including Tama and Malcom - do not receive bids for salt contracts.

Engineers in Johnson and Linn counties said they prepared for an average winter.

Johnson County will have about 2,200 tons to mix with sand and apply on 950 miles of roads, 25 percent of them paved, county Engineer Greg Parker said. It paid about \$68 a ton, up from \$50 last year.

Linn County Engineer Steve Gannon said the county will receive about 2,500 tons at about \$55 per ton through a DOT bid. Last year it paid about \$45 a ton.

"Our prices seem like a good deal to us compared to everybody else," Gannon said.

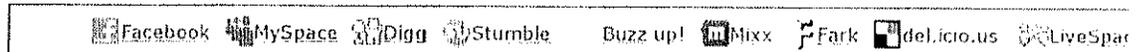
He said last winter the county used 2,200 tons of salt, which it mixed with three parts sand, on 30 percent of paved roads, so "We're sitting very well."

This year, Gannon tried to fill the county's eight salt bins earlier to avoid any panic. Other Iowa counties were asked for more salt than usual because of problems last year, he said.

"We're all afraid we'll have two bad years in a row," he said, noting that the county has a service agreement with 13 smaller communities. "Last year was the snowiest winter we've ever had and managed to get through it."

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