

INFORMATION TO CORRESPOND WITH CONCERNS

New Paint supply truck that was subcontracted at Monroe Truck had multiple issues.

Fabricated brackets for storing traffic cones were at the wrong angle and had to be cut apart and rewelded.

Noticed that when vendor removed bolts to mount cone brackets, they did not reinstall flat washers that were on the inside of the frame rail. The original washers were still laying in the frame rail channel.

Wires, lines and hoses were not reattached to bolts used to mount cone brackets that had loom clamps already attached and were not secured properly with plastic ties. (Comment: sloppy workmanship)

Hydraulic lines were not bent or routed professionally. Criss-Crossed and rubbing on each other (Comment: look like they bent the metal lines under their knee)

Hydraulic lines were running directly below the oil filter causing more difficult access to change filter and larger mess from oil dripping from lines when changing filters. Lines were bent up and over front axle.

Time to build trucks:

One year, possibly 2011 or 2012 eleven trucks were built.

Employee states approximately 50 trucks have been built in the 10 years they have been employed.

Some years, water and attenuator trucks were built.

Mack tri-axle plow truck was accepted without meeting specifications. Proper radiator had to be sourced, shipped and

changed out at dealer. Built with experimental system (salt grinder slurry system) that failed to perform properly. Received many modifications from time build components were delivered. Was eventually disabled and removed. Truck chassis has had constant problems. A lemon truck if there ever was one.

We have had spare parts on hand before to replace a complete salter on a truck that was rear-ended by another vehicle in less than a half a day.

First trial of CNG Kenworth trucks, only two patrol trucks were built as a trial.

First year of Freightliner CNG trucks were delivered from truck dealer with incorrect wheelbase. Trucks were sent out to have frame rails lengthen and drivelines extended. Drive shaft was incorrectly fabricated and chassis had to be returned to install proper driveshafts with midship bearings.

Non-Member body shop acting class employee help convince management to outsource sand blasting and primer painting of dump body for plow trucks.

Had to rust proof new chassis, install decals and numbers before subcontractor picked up truck, because were told it is not in the bid.

Decaling appears to be bid out for new 1-ton trucks that will use a wrap type system. Members wife's business won the bid.

Awarded bid for patrol trucks appear to include Pickup and delivery.

Not clear if Monroe's bid includes a removable front plow/wing mount and lower wing support/brace. Trucks then used in

construction season. County leases several quad axle trucks now. If they are only plow trucks, sitting all summer will cause failures from lack of use.

Are they going to cut out the rear corners of the body?

Vendors are from Green Co. Went by Davis Welding Monday. No County equipment outside. Out in the middle of nowhere. Nice clean place. Have their own pond with a bridge to an island and a place for fishing.

Davis Welding picked up one truck and parts. County body shop was told to rustproof, install decals and numbers because it is not included in the bid.

Both vendors that were awarded the bids are listed on the bids as Non locally operated vendor that qualify to be considered if within 5% of lower bid.

Highway used thicker fittings and fasteners because of corrosion dissolving the diameters.

My question:

Why are so many employees transferring, retiring early and leaving the highway dept? Three have transferred out in the last year.

What are doing with all the money they are saving from having,

One mechanic position open since middle November 2018.

One mechanic position open since first week of January 2019.

One mechanic position open since end of April 2019

One mechanic position open since first week of May 2019.

One more mechanic position open first week of June 2019.

Possible open mechanic position due to exception of plow section middle of August 2019.

