

**Present:** Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Jon Plumer, Henry St. Maurice, and Kim Manley

**Excused:** Supervisor JoAnn Wingers

**Also in Attendance:** Chris Hardy, Susan Fisher, Traci Horn, Joyce Jansen, Jonathan Richie (Portage Daily Register), Alan Borde, Claire Hinickle, Ellen Pulver, Jonathan Stefanek (Lodi Enterprise/Poynette Press), George Vetesnik, Jim Hendricks, Amyee Hendricks, April Stroemer, Todd Matson, Steve Kerns

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Foley, second by St. Maurice, to amend the agenda; moving the County Ordinance 9.13: ATV/UTV Highway Access Control (DRAFT) item to the beginning of the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to approve the change and the agenda. Motion carried.

**County Ordinance 9.13: ATV/UTV Highway Access Control (DRAFT)**

The Committee reviewed the draft County Ordinance Section 9.13 entitled ATV and/or UTV Highway Access Control. Regulations, designations, rules of operation, and signage details in the draft were discussed. Hardy reviewed restricted roads listed in County Ordinance Section 9.13 draft. Average daily traffic count (ADT) was used to evaluate road restrictions. The Department is still evaluating the following roads:

- CTH F (Marquette County to STH 33)
- CTH EF (CTH E to STH 33)
- CTH B (STH 22 to CTH C/STH 16)
- CTH CM (CTH CX to CTH F)
- CTH D (Dodge County to Fall River)

Signage is required; the estimated cost of the signage to the Department is \$10,000 - \$30,000; the quantity and location of the signage shall be determined by the Columbia County Highway Commissioner. The approval, installation, and maintenance of ATV/UTV sign for the County system shall be conducted by the Columbia County Highway & Transportation Department.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Manley, to approve the draft County Ordinance Section 9.13, entitled ATV/UTV Highway Access Control as presented and forward it to the Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) for review. Motion carried.

**Visitor Input**

Pulver, on behalf of the Columbia County ATV/UTV Enthusiasts Club, thanked the Committee for their time and consideration.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Manley, second by St. Maurice, to table the January 6, 2022 Highway Committee minutes; the January 12, 2022 CTH J PIM minutes; and the January 19, 2022 CTH U PIM minutes until the March 2022 Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**Approval of Vouchers**

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from December 29, 2021 through January 26, 2022. Horn provided input regarding some of the expenses.

Motion by Foley, second by St. Maurice, to approve the vouchers for a total of \$444,898.95. Motion carried.

**State System Projects**

Current and planned state highway projects within Columbia County were presented for informational purposes. STH 33 has been accelerated. Pavement repair on IH39/90/94 is a recent addition. State work on the STH 33, STH 16, and STH 73 projects will be done under traffic; there will not be a detour route.

**Capital Plan**

Hardy presented the 2022 capital improvement plan and reviewed the 2021 carry-over items. All of the truck chassis have been ordered.

**Cost Change for 2021/2022 Quad Axle Dump Truck Trade**

The Committee reviewed a letter from Truck Country received by the Department regarding a price increase to the July 2021 agreement for the trade of four (4) new quad axle trucks for four (4) existing quad axle trucks. Truck Country will absorb the majority of the cost increase and is requesting Columbia County Highway and Transportation to pay an additional \$2,500 per truck for a total of \$10,000. Hardy requested transferring the \$10,000 from Department equity.

Amended motion by Manley, second by St. Maurice, to approve transferring \$10,000 from Department equity for the payment of additional costs for the trade of four (4) new quad axle trucks for four (4) existing quad axle trucks. If the funds are available in Capital Outlay later in the year at the Highway Commissioner's discretion, look into utilizing that excess instead (refund equity). Motion carried.

Motion by Manley, second by St. Maurice, to approve transferring \$10,000 from Department equity for the payment of additional costs for the trade of four (4) new quad axle trucks for four (4) existing quad axle trucks. Motion carried.

**CTH Project Status**

Hardy provided an update on the County projects. The low bidder for the bridge replacement projects on Hall Road and Wendt Road was rejected by WisDOT due to DBE concerns on their bid, resulting in the projects moving to the second bidder, Pheiffer Brothers Construction Co. There is a cost increase, however, the projects remain under budget per the SMA agreements. All permits have been received for the CTH CD bridge replacement. The RR Stipulation Petition Hearing for the CTH A railroad bridge replacement is scheduled for February 10, 2022.

**Railroad Bridge Stipulation for OCR: CTH A @ UPRR**

The Committee reviewed the Stipulation by and between Columbia County, WisDOT and UPRR, handouts, WisDOT rebuttal, and UPRR extension denial for the CTH A bridge replacement over the UPRR.

**Award Real Estate Services Contract: CTH A @ UPRR Bridge Project**

One bid was received for real estate appraisal and negotiation services for the 2022 local bridge projects.

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Bidder	CTH A Bridge Bid
Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. *AWARDED	\$9,500

Motion by Plumer, second by Manley, to award the bid for \$9,500 for real estate services for CTH A bridge to bidder Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. Motion carried.

**Traffic Safety Countermeasures: Lane Deviation Control (rumble strips) CTH J (Lindsay Rd – CTH CS)**

Hardy presented the following traffic safety countermeasures and crash reduction data for informational purposes:

- Clear zones and widening shoulders
- Longitudinal rumble strips and rumble stripes
- SafetyEdge (sloped edge of pavement eliminating vertical drop)
- Wider edge lines
- Enhanced delineation for horizontal curves (chevron signs)
- Road design improvements at curves
- Median barriers
- Appropriate speed limits

The Committee reviewed accident history on the section of CTH J from Lindsay Road to CTH CS; one of the County system construction projects for 2022. Centerline rumble strip safety countermeasures are being considered for the CTH J construction project.

**CTH F (STH 33 – CTH EE) Safety Improvement Alternatives**

Hardy presented three options for safety improvements for the CTH F and CTH EE at STH 33 intersection. Aerial photos of the intersection highlighting the proposed improvements were discussed.

**STP Supplemental Project Submittals (CTHs CX, E, &/or A)**

The new Federal infrastructure plan is presenting funding opportunities in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STP). Hardy presents potential project locations and cost estimates for STP-Rural Road rapid implementation, STP-Local Bridge, and STP-Rural Road longer implementation. The Department must have some project plans “on the shelf” to be prepared for the funding opportunities.

**Adopt Utility Accommodation Policy (WCHA 1/1/2022 version)**

The Committee reviewed the January 1, 2022 version of WCHA Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP). This is a revision to the 2012 WCHA UAP.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to adopt the WCHA Utility Accommodation Policy effective January 1, 2022 as presented. Motion carried.

**Adopt Utility Accommodation Policy Appendix (County specific items)**

Hardy presented the January 1, 2022 version of the WCHA Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP) Appendix.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to adopt the January 1, 2022 WCHA Utility Accommodation Policy (UAP) Appendix as presented. Motion carried.

**Approve Spring Prairie Church MOU CTHs C & DM (revised)**

The Committee reviewed the draft of the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Columbia County Highway and Transportation Department and Spring Prairie Lutheran Church for the sharing and use of County road right of way within the Town of Leeds; CTH C and CTH DM. Minor cost adjustment from previous due to travel lane width variances between church location and rural locations on both CTHs.

Motion by Plumer, second by Manley, to approve the revised Memorandum of Understanding between Columbia County Highway and Transportation Department and Spring Prairie Lutheran Church for the sharing and use of County road right of way within the Town of Leeds; CTH C and CTH DM as presented. Motion carried.

**Vacant Position Update & Position Replacement Request**

Hardy presented a position replacement request for one (1) Patrolman.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to approve the position replacement request for one (1) Patrolman. Motion carried.

**Safety Items/Worker's Compensation Claims**

There were no new worker's compensation claims.

**Accounting Review**

Horn explained 2021 is in the process of getting closed out.

**Commissioner's Communications**

Hardy provided a handout detailing his external communications.

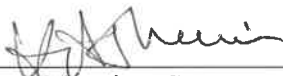
**Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

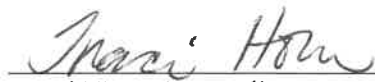
Amended Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to hold the Spring municipal meeting Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 10 a.m. after the Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Henry St. Maurice, Secretary



Traci Horn, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee  
County Board Chair Gove  
County Board Vice Chair Foley  
Susan M. Moll

Joseph Ruf, III  
Susan Fisher  
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Chris Hardy