

Columbia County Highway Committee

Minutes

March 2, 2017

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PRESENT: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Ken Hutler, Kirk Konkel and Andy Ross (via telephone).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Board Chair Vern Gove, County Board Vice Chair Mary Cupery, Chris Hardy, Joseph Ruf, Mathew Schneider, Craig Steingraeber, Don Nichols, Jeff Brimmer from Kriete Truck Center Madison, Tom Czajkowski from Compass Minerals, Cody Churchill from the Kraemer Company, Bill Lawton from HG Meigs LLC, Jeff Smith from Burke Truck and Equipment, Sean Wolf from Wolf Paving and Excavating, Dustin Gradel from Tri-County Paving Inc., Hank Wieland from Lakeside International, Tony Mollner from V&H, John Kotek from V&H, Carlon W Helms from FAS Fahrner, Dustin Preble, and Lyn Jerde from the Portage Daily Register.

ABSENT: Supervisor JoAnn Wingers

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

AGENDA

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Hutler to approve the agenda as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Hutler to approve the Highway Committee minutes of January 5, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from January 5, 2017 through February 22, 2017. Schneider provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenditures.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to approve the vouchers for a total of \$615,763.50. The motion was unanimously approved.

BITUMINOUS PAVING MIX MATERIAL FOR LRIP/CHIP BIDS

Bituminous paving mix material bids for LRIP/CHIP projects were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

BITUMINOUS PAVING MIX MATERIAL AND OILS BIDS

Bituminous paving mix material and oils bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

CRUSHED STONE BIDS

Crushed stone bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

ROAD PULVERIZATION BIDS

Road Pulverization bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

ROAD SALT BIDS

Road salt bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

TANDEM TRUCK CHASSIS

Tandem truck chassis bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

TANDEM TRUCK ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT PACKAGE #1 BIDS

Tandem truck accessory equipment package #1 bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

TANDEM TRUCK ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT PACKAGE #2 BIDS

Tandem truck accessory equipment package #2 bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

TRI-AXLE TRUCK ACCESSORY PACKAGE BIDS

Tri-axle truck chassis bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be reviewed and presented with the department's recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting.

2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Hardy reviewed the 2016 capital improvement plan.

2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Hardy reviewed the 2017 capital improvement plan.

CAMBRIA SHOP PROJECT STATUS

Hardy provided an update on the status of the Cambria shop project. An expenditure report was provided to the Committee.

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #9

Change order #9 with Cardinal Construction was explained to the committee. The change order reduces the contract sum by the amount remaining in the contingency allowance. The remaining allowance is \$12,006.42

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Hutler to approve change order #9 reducing the contract sum with Cardinal by the remaining contingency allowance of \$12,006.42. The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVE SSB CONTRACT MOD#2

Hardy presented contract modification #2 between WisDot and Olympic Builders General Contractors for the Cambria salt shed construction. No action from the Committee was required.

WISDOT STP PROJECT UPDATES

Hardy reviewed the status of WisDOT projects planned within Columbia County.

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STIP: RURAL ROAD & LOCAL BRIDGE SOLICITATION PROCESS

The general solicitation process and changes to the rural road and local bridge funding programs was reviewed by the Committee. Hardy highlighted bridges that could be submitted for the program.

DRAFT RESOLUTION: "WORKZONE SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK"

The Wisconsin Highway Association has asked all 72 counties to pass a resolution for a work zone safety awareness week during the week of April 3-7.

MOTION: Motion made by Hutler, second by Konkel to approve the draft workzone safety awareness week during April 3-7 resolution and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

SWAN LAKE COUNTY ACCESS

In response to the request submitted by the Town of Wyocena regarding the vacancy of a Swan Lake access drive, a letter was drafted stating that the county is not interested in posting any signage or completing any improvements in the Swan Lake access area. The letter will be forwarded to the Town of Wyocena and Department of Natural Resources.

MOTION: Motion made by Hutler, second by Ross to approve the letter as drafted and forward to the Town of Wyocena and Department of Natural Resources. The motion was unanimously approved.

VACANT POSITION UPDATE

Hardy provided an update on filling vacant positions.

POSITION REPLACEMENT REQUEST – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE WORKER

Hardy presented a position replacement request for a vacant Highway Maintenance Worker position. This position will be vacant as of March 3 due to a retirement.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to approve the position replacement request for a Highway Maintenance Worker. The motion was unanimously approved.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 2016

Hardy presented the Highway Department's 2016 Annual Report. Financial data will be added to the report after the 2016 books are closed.

MOTION: Motion made by Hutler, second by Konkel to approve the Highway Department Annual Report with Committee's recommended changes. The motion was unanimously approved.

DONATED ITEM FROM LAWSON

Lawson Products is offering a storage cabinet to the Department at no cost. The cabinet would have a normal retail value of \$166.62.

MOTION: Motion by Konkel, second by Hutler to accept the storage cabinet donated by Lawson Products. The motion was unanimously approved.

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

Three new worker's compensation claims were reported and discussed.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Chairman communicated that the I90/94 reliever routes are no longer being considered. The Wisconsin River Bridge is being dealt with as a separate project.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner provided a handout detailing his external communications over the previous month.

PORTAGE SALT SHED AGREEMENT

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CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: On Motion made by Hutler, second by Konkel, the Committee went into closed session at 10:25 a.m. pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1)(e) "deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session". [Portage Salt Shed Agreement] If the Committee goes into closed session it will return to open session. The Committee may address such other matters that are authorized by law.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 4, as follows: Foley, Hutler, Konkel, and Ross.

Noes: 0

Chair Gove, Vice Chair Cupery, Hardy, Ruf, and Schneider were present in closed session.

Hutler left the meeting during closed session at 11:05 a.m.

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OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross, the Committee reconvened in open session at 11:08 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

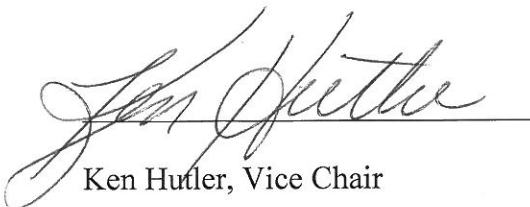
No action was taken in closed session.

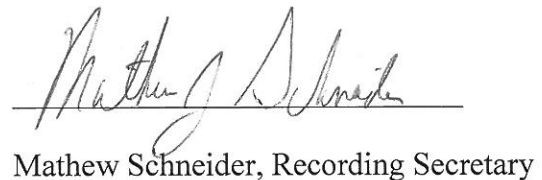
ADJOURNMENT

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The annual spring municipal meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

  
Ken Hutler, Vice Chair

  
Mathew Schneider, Recording Secretary

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cc: Highway Committee  
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