

PRESENT: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Kirk Konkel, Mary Cupery, Andy Ross and Craig Robson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Board Chair Vern Gove, Chris Hardy, Joe DeBoer, Sergeant Todd Horn, Susan Fisher, Mathew Schneider, Craig Steingraeber, Willie Conklin Jr, Tim Krueger from Grande Cheese, Mark Engebretson from Grande Cheese, Larry Waldvogel from Waldvogel Trucking, Glen Fischer from GFisher Trucking, Jeff Smith from Burke Truck & Equipment Inc., Jim Reiter from Quality Care Truck Center Inc., Bill DeVault from Vermeer Wisconsin, Jean Lynch, and Mike Greiber from Greiber Law.

EXCUSED: 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 Ross to approve the agenda and provide Chair Foley the discretion to take agenda items out of order. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Cupery, second by Robson to approve the Highway Committee minutes of January 4, 2018 and February 15, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from December 21, 2017 through February 28, 2018.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to approve the vouchers for a total of \$874,396.32. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### ATV/UTV ORDINANCE

Sergeant Todd Horn discussed concerns the Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission has with allowing ATVs and UTVs on county roadways. Willie Conklin provided information regarding some of the proposed ATV/UTV routes. Committee directed questions to both Horn and Conklin. Discussion followed regarding the draft ordinance and if it should be passed along to County Board for review.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel to forward the draft ordinance to the County Board without a recommendation from the Highway Committee, no second. Motion failed.

#### ROAD POSTING CONCERNS – GRANDE CHEESE REPRESENTATIVE

Representatives from Grande Cheese, Waldvogel Trucking, and GFischer Trucking presented concerns regarding the impact of seasonal weight limit restrictions. They feel there are not enough options to dispose of waste products into local fields. Hardy and DeBoer will review additional options.

DRIVEWAY APPEAL AND VARIANCE REQUEST – N9563 CTH H

Michael and Jean Lynch were previously denied a driveway permit for a second driveway at the address of N9563 CTH H. Hardy expressed safety concerns of limited visibility due to the property near the crest of a hill and trucks have been backing out of the driveway onto the highway.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve the variance and allow the second driveway with the restrictions that trucks shall not be allowed to back onto CTH H using either driveway. Motion passed but was not unanimous.

DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST – DAMIAN WEYER WEST OF W10918 CTH V

Damian Weyer is requesting a driveway variance for a single driveway into a three lot subdivision West of W10918 CTH V. Columbia County ordinance requires a turn lane for Type B access.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to approve the driveway variance allowing the property owner to not meet the turning lane requirement for a Type B access. This variance is approved for the current three lots. If the subdivision expands then the variance will have to be readdressed. The motion was unanimously approved.

POYNETTE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON CTH CS

The Village of Poynette would like to install a pedestrian crossing at the intersection of CTH CS (Main Street) and Washington Street. Since the proposed crossing is on a county highway the Committee must approve the proposal.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Ross to approve the pedestrian crossing on CTH CS, with the addition of advance warning signs and removal of vertical obstructions. The motion was unanimously approved.

ASPHALT AND ROAD OIL

Hardy presented a summary of the bituminous paving mix material bids received for 2018 paving projects. The Department recommended accepting the lowest bid submitted by Tri-County paving for CTH AW and CTH EF paving projects. An award for CTH K will have to wait until State Municipal Agreements are received for 18-19 LRIP projects.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Konkel to award the bituminous paving mix bid for the CTH AW and CTH EF projects to Tri-County paving. The motion was unanimously approved.

Henry G. Meigs, LLC was the only bidder for sealcoat oil and tackcoat oil.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Konkel to award the sealcoat oil and tackcoat oil bids to Henry G. Meigs, LLC. The motion was unanimously approved.

Hardy presented a summary of patch material bids received. The Department will use all of the vendors based on availability and need.

CRUSHED STONE BIDS

Hardy presented a summary for crushed stone bids. Linck Aggregates Inc. material bid will result in the lowest total gravel cost for project on CTH D. Kopplin & Kinase Co. material bid will result in the

lowest total gravel cost for projects on CTH AW and CTH EF. An award for CTH K will have to wait until State Municipal Agreements are received for 18-19 LRIP projects. The Department will use its discretion on an as-needed basis for the miscellaneous material.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Cupery to award the crushed stone material bids for CTH D to Linck Aggregates Inc; CTH AW and CTH EF to Kopplin & Kinase Co. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### ROAD PULVERIZATION BIDS

Hardy presented a summary of road pulverization bids. The department recommended awarding the lowest bidder for each project. Tri-County Paving, Inc submitted the lowest bid for all projects; CTH K, CTH D, and CTH AW. An award for CTH K will have to wait until State Municipal Agreements are received for 18-19 LRIP projects.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Ross to award the CTH D and CTH AW pulverization bids to Tri-County Paving, Inc. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### RECYCLED ASPHALT

Hardy presented a summary of the recycled asphalt bids. The Department recommended waiting until CTH A will be repaved and then crushing material for re-use. Current bids should be rejected and re-bid before the CTH A paving project.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to reject all bids. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### BRUSH CHIPPER

Hardy presented a summary of the brush chipper bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing a Vermeer BC1800XL demo unit with 10 hours of usage from Vermeer Wisconsin for \$65,905. The demo unit from Vermeer Wisconsin was the lowest bid.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to purchase a Vermeer BC1800XL from Vermeer Wisconsin for \$65,905. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### SKID STEER

Hardy presented a summary of the skid steer bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing a Kubota SVL95 from McFarlane's for \$57,950. McFarlane's submitted the lowest bid that met all specs and the unit would not require the county to purchase attachment adaptors.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Konkel to purchase a Kubota SVL95 skid steer from McFarlane's. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### TRAILER

Hardy presented a summary of the trailer bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing a Midsota ST-20 trailer from Swiderski for \$9,715. Swiderski was the lowest bidder.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to purchase a Midsota ST-20 from Swiderski for \$9,715. The motion was unanimously approved.

GRAPPLE BUCKET

Hardy presented a summary of the grapple bucket bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing an Erskine 84" bucket from Swiderski for \$5,500. Swiderski was the lowest bidder that met all specifications.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Cupery to purchase an Erskine 84" bucket from Swiderski for \$5,500. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRI-AXLE CHASSIS

Hardy presented a summary of the tri-axle chassis bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing two (2) Western Star tri-axle chassis trucks from Quality Truck Care Center for a cost of \$121,535 per truck. Quality Truck Care Center was the lowest bidder that met all specifications.

MOTION: Motion made by Cupery, second by Ross to purchase two (2) Western Star tri-axle chassis trucks from Quality Truck Care Center for a total price of \$243,070. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRI-AXLE ACCESSORY #1

Hardy presented a summary of the tri-axle accessory #1 bids that were received. One of the bids did not include the cost to mount an underbody to the chassis. Department recommended to reject all bids.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to reject all bids. The motion was unanimously approved.

TRI-AXLE ACCESSORY #2

Hardy presented a summary of the tri-axle accessory #2 bids that were received. The Department recommended awarding the bid to Burke Truck & Equipment for three (3) tri-axle accessory equipment packages at a cost of \$81,595 per truck. Burke Truck & Equipment was the lowest bidder and met all specifications.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to purchase three (3) tri-axle accessory equipment packages from Burke Truck & Equipment for a total price of \$244,785. The motion was unanimously approved.

TANDEM TRUCK CHASSIS

Hardy presented a summary of the tandem truck chassis bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing one Western Star tandem axle chassis truck from Quality Truck Care Center for a cost of \$116,535. Quality Truck Care Center was the lowest bidder that met all specifications.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to purchase one Western Star tandem axle chassis truck from Quality Truck Care Center for a total price of \$116,535. The motion was unanimously approved.

TANDEM TRUCK ACCESSORY

Hardy presented a summary of the tandem axle accessory equipment bids that were received. The Department recommended awarding the bid to Burke Truck & Equipment for one tandem axle accessory equipment package at a cost of \$86,405. Burke Truck & Equipment was the lowest bidder.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to purchase one tandem axle accessory equipment package from Burke Truck & Equipment for a total price of \$86,405. The motion was unanimously approved.

SINGLE AXLE CHASSIS

Hardy presented a summary of the single axle chassis bids that were received. The Department recommended purchasing one Western Star single axle chassis truck from Quality Truck Care Center for a cost of \$106,575. Quality Truck Care Center was the lowest bidder and met all specifications.

MOTION: Motion made by Cupery, second by Ross to purchase one Western Star single axle chassis truck from Quality Truck Care Center for a total price of \$106,575. The motion was unanimously approved.

The specifications for the single axle accessory equipment were not correct and bids were higher than anticipated.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to reject all single axle accessory equipment bids. The motion was unanimously approved.

SUPERVISOR'S TRUCK

Hardy presented a pricing comparison of a Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab and a Ford F150XL Crew Cab using state contracted pricing.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to purchase a Chevy Silverado 1500 Crew Cab for a cost of \$30,648. The motion was unanimously approved.

FEED CONVEYOR, GRIZZLY, AND HOPPER

Hardy presented a summary of the feed conveyor, grizzly, and hopper bids that were received.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve the bid submitted by Dome Corporation of North America to replace the grizzly, feed hopper, and conveyor and all support structure for a total cost of \$280,858. The motion was unanimously approved.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

An updated 2018 capital improvement plan was presented to the Committee.

CAMBRIA SHOP PROJECT STATUS

Hardy provided an update on the status of the Cambria shop project. A cost summary of the Cambria shop and salt shed costs was presented to the Committee. A State invoice was received in March that pushed the project \$4,140.53 over budget. The overage will be covered with 2018 Capital Outlay.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to approve a change in outlay request to use \$4,141 from the brush chipper to cover the Cambria project overage. The motion was unanimously approved.

STATE SYSTEM PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY

Current and planned state system projects within Columbia County were discussed.

COUNTY STIP PROJECTS (CTH V, CTH U, AND HAYNES ROAD)

Hardy provided design and funding updates for STIP projects on CTH V, CTH U, and Haynes Road. The Committee discussed whether or not to reduce the road width on the CTH V project. The design engineer will be instructed to leave the road width as originally designed.

Hardy presented a relocation order and real estate contract for the CTH U project.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to approve the relocation order and real estate contract to GJ Miesbauer in the amount of \$1,300. The motion was unanimously approved.

WISDOT LOCAL PROGRAM CHANGES

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has made policy changes to the local bridge program. Hardy explained how this will increase local cost for these projects.

LOCAL BRIDGE APPLICATION RENEWALS

Due to the DOT policy changes local bridge application for the current program cycle have to be revised and resubmitted. Hardy will present revised applications at the April Highway Committee meeting.

PARK LAKE GRANT RESOLUTION

A county resolution is required for the WDNR recreational boating facilities grant for Park Lake. The resolution grants the Highway and Transportation Commissioner the authority to submit the proper paperwork and make decisions on behalf of the County throughout the project.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Konkel to approve the WDNR Recreational Boating Facilities Grant Park Lake resolution and forward to County Board. The motion was unanimously approved.

FALL RIVER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – CTH D

Hardy presented an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Fall River for a project on CTH D (N. Main St) within the village limits.

MOTION: Motion made by Cupery, second by Ross to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Columbia County and Fall River as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

CAMBRIA INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT – CTH B

An intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Cambria is in discussion for a project on CTH B (Mary St.) within the village limits.

COLUMBUS SHOP LOT LINE RELOCATION

Grothman & Associates SC has completed the survey work to relocate the property line at the Columbus shop.

MOTION: Motion by Ross, second by Konkel to instruct the Highway Department to complete the process of relocating the property line with the City of Columbus and adjacent property owner. The motion was unanimously approved.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 2017

Annual report will be reviewed at the next Highway Committee meeting after the financial data has been completed.

RESOLUTION DESIGNATION WORK ZONE 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 9-13.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to approve the workzone safety awareness week during April 9-13 resolution and forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

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

AEGIS DONATION TO DEPARTMENT

Aegis Corporation has offered to provide lunch to the entire Highway Department for reaching 180 consecutive days without a lost time work injury.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel to approve the donated lunch by Aegis Corporation. The motion was unanimously approved.

ACCOUNTING REVIEW

Financial data for 2017 will be presented at the April meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Foley informed the Committee that the roundabout project at the intersection of STH 60 and STH 22 has been delayed until 2022.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

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

WCHA COMMUNICATIONS

Hardy shared communications and a succession planning report from the Wisconsin County Highway Association.

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POSITION REPLACEMENT REQUESTS (3)

The Highway Department currently has three vacancies due to one retirement and two resignations. The Department is requesting to replace the Working Mechanics Foreman position and two Highway Maintenance Worker positions.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Cupery to approve the three position replacement requests as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISALLOWANCE OF LIABILITY CLAIMS/COLUMBUS SALT STORAGE LOCATON  
WISDOT

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CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: On Motion made by Ross, second by Konkel, the Committee went into closed session at 11:33 a.m. pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute Section 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved" [Disallowance of Liability Claims] and 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" [Columbus Salt Storage Location WisDOT]. 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: 5, as follows: Cupery, Foley, Konkel, Robson, and Ross.  
Noes: 0

Hardy, Fisher, and Schneider were present in closed session.

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OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Cupery, the Committee reconvened in open session at 11:41 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

No action was taken in closed session.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to deny two liability claims filed against the Highway Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be on April 5, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Cupery, second by Konkel to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

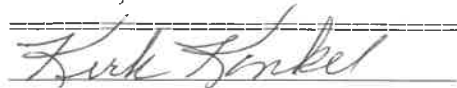


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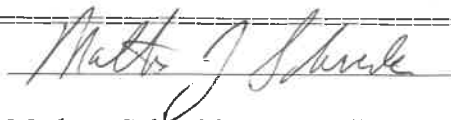
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