

Columbia County Highway Committee  
Minutes  
April 5, 2018

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Board Chair Vern Gove, Chris Hardy, Susan Fisher, Mathew Schneider, Jeff Smith from Burke Truck & Equipment Inc., and Dustin Gradel from Tri County Paving Inc.

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to approve the Highway Committee minutes of March 8, 2018 with proposed revisions. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from March 1, 2018 through March 28, 2018. Schneider provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenses.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, second by Wingers to approve the vouchers for a total of \$439,319.45. The motion was unanimously approved.

DRIVEWAY VARIANCE REQUEST FOR TYPE "B" ACCESS DETAIL – CTH D TOWN OF FOUNTAIN PRAIRIE

Topic was tabled for the next meeting.

SODIUM CHLORIDE BIDS

Road salt bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be tabulated and posted to Demandstar. An award will be determined at the next Highway Committee meeting.

ASPHALT BID – CTH D

Hot mix asphalt bids for a paving project on CTH D were opened and read aloud. Bids will be tabulated and posted to Demandstar. An award will be determined at the next Highway Committee meeting.

SINGLE AXLE ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT

Single axle accessory equipment package bids were opened and read aloud. Bids will be tabulated and posted to Demandstar. An award will be determined at the next Highway Committee meeting.

GRAVEL SHOULDER RECLAIMER

Hardy presented a quote from LyCox Enterprises, Inc. for a front mount shoulder reclaimer. Total cost of the reclaimer is \$18,630.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, second by Ross to purchase the gravel shoulder reclaimer from LyCox Enterprises, Inc. at a cost of \$18,630. Motion was unanimously approved.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

An updated 2018 capital improvement plan was presented to the Committee. A list of items to be sold through Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction was distributed.

CAMBRIA SHOP PROJECT STATUS

Cambria shop and salt shed project is complete. Topic will no longer be listed on future Highway Committee agendas unless an issue develops.

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 updates on all STIP projects. The sanitary district pointed out an issue regarding the sanitary laterals for the project on CTH V.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Cupery to install sanitary laterals to accommodate properties and extend out to right of way. The motion was unanimously approved.

CTH B DRAFT AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF CAMBRIA

The Highway Department and Village of Cambria are still negotiating an intergovernmental agreement for a paving project on CTH B (Mary Street) within the village.

LOCAL BRIDGE APPLICATION RENEWALS

Revised estimates for six Local Bridge projects that had been previously submitted to the State were discussed. The State has asked all counties to resubmit all Local Bridge applications due to policy change. Hardy asked the Committee for guidance on which applications to resubmit and to identify a priority ranking for each project.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to resubmit all six Local Bridge applications in the following priority ranking; CTH A-1, Sterk Road-2, Inglehart Road-3, Hall Road-4, Old 73 Highway Road-5, and Wendt Road-6. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEER REMOVAL CONTRACT

Hardy proposed renewing the deer removal contract with Wayne Wuerwein for an annual contracted amount of \$3,936, which will be split amongst the County and townships.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, second by Cupery to renew the deer removal contract with Wayne Wuerwein for an amount of \$3,936. The motion was unanimously approved.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT – 2017

Hardy presented the Highway Department's 2017 Annual Report.

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

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

No new worker's compensation claims were reported since the previous committee meeting. Aegis will be purchasing the Highway Department lunch on Friday April 6<sup>th</sup> for reaching 180 days without a time lost incident.

FINANCIAL ANNUAL REPORT

Schneider explained the 2017 financial annual report. The Department recorded a net gain of \$1,081,081. Capital Contributions for the Cambria Salt shed accounted for \$873,335.90 of the gain.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Cupery to approve the 2017 financial annual report. The motion was unanimously approved.

SUMMER ROAD SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

Road School attendees will be determined at the May Highway Committee meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Foley mentioned he has received good comments from local residents regarding winter road conditions.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner provided a handout detailing his external communications over the previous month. The Committee reviewed a handout categorizing and comparing the types of traffic incidents statewide and within Columbia County.

SPRING MUNICIPAL MEETING

The spring municipal meeting will be held at the Wyocena Shop on Wednesday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

VACANT POSTION UPDATE

Hardy updated the Committee on the status of filling three vacant positions.

PORTAGE SITE LAYOUT OPTIONS

Topic was tabled until the May meeting.

CTH U NOMINAL PAYMENT PARCEL REPORT/PRIVILEGE IN THE STREET AGREEMENT

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CLOSED SESSION

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MOTION: On Motion made by Ross, second by Wingers, the Committee went into closed session at 11:06 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" [CTH U Nominal Payment Parcel Report and Privilege in the Street 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: 6, as follows: Cupery, Foley, Konkel, Robson, Ross and Wingers.  
Noes: 0

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

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkel, the Committee reconvened in open session at 11:15 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

No action was taken in closed session.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Ross to approve the CTH U Nominal Payment Parcel Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Wingers to support using a privilege in the street agreement as a negotiating tool to acquire a parcel on CTH V. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be scheduled on May 3, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Ross to adjourn the meeting at 11:28 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



JoAnn Wingers, Secretary



Mathew Schneider, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee  
County Board Chair Gove  
County Board Vice Chair Cupery  
Chris Hardy  
Susan M. Moll  
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