

Columbia County Highway Committee

Minutes

June 7, 2018

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Board Chair Vern Gove, Chris Hardy, Craig Steingraeber, Susan Fisher, and Mathew Schneider.

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

AGENDA

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, 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 Wingers, second by Ross to approve the Highway Committee minutes of April 17, 2018 and May 3, 2018. The motion was approved. Ross abstained.

VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from April 26, 2018 through May 30, 2018. Schneider provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenses.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson to approve the vouchers for a total of \$391,585.12. The motion was unanimously approved.

AWARD LRIP ASPHALT BIDS

Hardy presented a summary of the asphalt bids received for the CTH K LRIP paving project. The Department recommended accepting the lowest bid submitted by Wolf Paving.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to award the asphalt bid for the CTH K LRIP paving project to Wolf Paving. The motion was unanimously approved.

AWARD BRIDGE INSPECTION CONTRACT

A summary of RFP results for the 2018-2019 bridge inspections was presented to the Committee. The Department recommended accepting the lowest cost proposal submitted by Civil Engineering Professionals, LLC.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, second by Wingers to award the 18-19 bridge inspection contract to Civil Engineering Professionals, LLC in the amount of \$11,092.57. The motion was unanimously approved.

2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Current status of 2018 capital improvement plan commitments was presented to the Committee. Major repairs and other current equipment issues were discussed.

TRANSFER CAT SKIDLOADER TO SOLID WASTE

Hardy had not heard from Solid Waste confirming the transfer.

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MOTION: Motion made by Foley, second by Ross to table the Transfer Cat Skidloader to Solid Waste agenda item. 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 updates on all STIP projects. Concerns for bridges on CTH A, CTH CS, and CTH E were discussed.

COUNTY AID ROAD APPLICATIONS

The Committee reviewed a summary of County Road Aid petitions.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Ross to approve the following County Road Aid petitions: T. Arlington – Pine Hollow Road, T. Caledonia – Petra Road, T. Columbus – Wendt Road, T. Courtland – Cemetery Road, T. Dekorra – Oak Knoll Road, T. Fort Winnebago – Hogan Road, T. Fountain Prairie – Mickelson Road, T. Hampden – Bristol Road/Berkvam Road/Monson Road/ Hasey Road/Davidson Road, T. Leeds – Ramsey Road, T. Lewiston – Weyh Road, T. Lodi – Red Cedar Drive, T. Lowville – Hagan Road, T. Newport – New Haven Road, T. Otsego – Old F Road, T. Pacific – Horton Road/Boyd Road, T. Randolph – Zacharias Drive, T. Scott – Fenske Road/Ross Road, T. Springvale – Old CTH B Road, T. West Point – Gannon Road, T. Wyocena – Cummings Road, V. Doylestown – Metcalf Street, V. Friesland – West Winnebago Street, V. Pardeeville – Gillette Street/W. Lafollette Street/Haskins Drive/E. Chestnut Street, V. Rio – Sunset Street, C. Columbus – Ann Street, C. Lodi – Reynolds Road/Sauk Street, and C. Portage – James Street. The motion was unanimously approved.

BRIDGE AID APPLICATIONS

The Committee reviewed a summary of Bridge Aid petitions.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve the following Bridge Aid petitions: T. Arlington – WIBU Road, T. Columbus – Wendt Road, T. Fort Winnebago – Dumke Road, T. Hampden – Bristol Road, T. Lewiston – Kassner Road. The motion was unanimously approved.

2019 BUDGET REVISED POSITION REQUEST: HMW WAGE BUMP

Hardy presented a proposal to increase the starting wage for Highway Maintenance employees from \$16.629 to \$19.009. Neighboring counties are starting new hires at a higher average wage than Columbia County and the number of applications for vacant positions has been declining. A few current employees would require a boost in pay to the new proposed rate. Total estimated increase is \$62,661.16.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Wingers to support the wage rate increase proposal and forward to the joint Human Resources and Executive committee meeting for consideration. The motion was unanimously approved.

5 YEAR ROAD AND BRIDGE PLAN

Hardy presented a 5 year road and bridge plan.

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

Two new worker's compensation claims were reported since the previous committee meeting.

VACANT POSTION UPDATE

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

ACCOUNTING REVIEW

A capital outlay summary through May and financial statements through April were presented and distributed to the Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner provided a handout detailing his external communications over the previous month. A new Wisconsin law regarding ATV/UTV routes was discussed. The law allows local municipalities to post routes on roadways with a speed limit of 35 mph or less regardless of jurisdictional ownership of that roadway. A public involvement meeting for the CTH V project will be on August 9th in Lodi and a road tour for the Highway Committee will be scheduled in July.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be on July 5, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Wingers to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 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 Drew
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