

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Hardy, Susan Fisher, Mathew Schneider and Jonathan Stefonek from the Portage Daily Register.

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkell to approve the Highway Committee minutes of July 5, 2018 and July 18, 2018. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from June 21, 2018 through July 25, 2018. Schneider provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenses.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkell, second by Ross to approve the vouchers for a total of \$1,699,083.20. The motion was unanimously approved.

FEED CONVEYOR CONCRETE

Hardy reported issues with A+ Construction. They were awarded the concrete bid during the July 5, 2018 committee meeting. The Department decided to solicit additional bids. Hardy provided a summary of all bids. Quality Constructors from Dalton, WI provided the lowest bid.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Ross to approve the feed conveyor concrete bid from Quality Constructors at a cost of \$10,994.50. 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.

CTH V PUBLIC STREET CROSSING

Hardy explained that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation requires a Public Street Crossing Permit when a roadway crosses a railroad corridor. A permit will be required for the STIP construction project on CTH V.

MOTION: Motion made by Robson, second by Konkell to approve the CTH V Public Street Crossing Permit. The motion was unanimously approved.

FUEL HANDLING RATE

Hardy proposed increasing the fuel handling rate from \$.124 per gallon to \$.25 per gallon. He provided a summary illustrating that the per gallon cost, including the proposed fuel handling increase, would be less than the state average gas prices.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkel to increase the fuel handling rate to \$.25 per gallon. The motion was unanimously approved.

2019 HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Hardy presented the 2019 proposed Highway Department budget. The proposed budget requested an appropriation of \$4,997,620.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Wingers to approve the proposed 2019 Highway Department budget with a total tax levy of \$4,997,620 and forward to Finance Committee for review. The motion was unanimously approved.

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

One new worker's compensation claim was 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 July and financial statements through June were presented and distributed to the Committee.

WCHA POLICY APPROVALS

WCHA is seeking a vote from each county regarding two policies. The first is a Memorandum of Understanding between Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Wisconsin County Highway Association related to the Bridge Replacement program and subsequent changes, including the Replace-In-Kind change.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Wingers to approve the MOU. The motion failed, unanimously opposed.

The second policy was to allow associate WCHA members to use the WCHA name and logo on advertisements. Associate members will have to request WCHA approval.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to approve the proposed WCHA policy to allow associate members use of the WCHA name and logo. The motion was unanimously approved.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS


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

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be on September 6, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson to adjourn to the road tour at 9:30 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:

  
JoAnn Wingers, Secretary

  
Mathew Schneider, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee  
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