

Present: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Bob Koch, Jon Plumer, JoAnn Wingers, and Henry St. Maurice

Also in Attendance: Chris Hardy, Traci Horn, Susan Fisher, Harold Tonn (Fall River), Jaclyn Meyer (Randolph)

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

Approval of Agenda

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Koch, to approve the revised agenda. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Koch, second by Wingers, to approve the August 6, 2020 Highway Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

The committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from July 30, 2020 through August 26, 2020. Horn provided input regarding some of the expenses.

Motion by Koch, second by Wingers, to approve the vouchers for a total of \$1,052,169.90. Motion carried.

Public Input

Harold Tonn (Fall River) requested the Department investigate the drainage, gravel placement, and the culvert angle at the intersection of CTH A and CTH G (west cross culvert under CTH G).

Jaclyn Meyer (Randolph) asked questions of the Committee regarding the statewide mask mandate and the conductance of Committee meetings.

Town of Caledonia 2019 Invoices

Hardy shared an email regarding the disputed 2019 charges. The use of recycled asphalt material was discussed and Hardy noted he agreed with crediting the recycled asphalt material since the Town had previously told the Department not to use it in the Town of Caledonia. There is no resolution at this time, more discussion at the next meeting.

Town of Springvale 2019 County Road Aid Road Change

Hardy presented a request to change the road for the Town of Springvale County Road Aid project from Jones Dr. to Ludwig Rd. There is no change to the funding.

Motion by Wingers, second by St. Maurice, to approve changing the Town of Springvale County Road Aid project from Jones Dr. to Ludwig Rd. Motion carried

Town of Lodi 2020 County Road Aid Road Change

Hardy presented a request to change the road for the Town of Lodi County Road Aid project from Clar-Mar Dr. to Gallagher Rd. There is no change to the funding.

Motion by Plumer, second by Koch, to approve changing the Town of Lodi County Road Aid project from Clar-Mar Dr. to Gallagher Rd. Motion carried.

WisDOT Project Status

Hardy presented an update on the State Highway projects.

CTH Project Status

Hardy presented a summary of the projects highlighting results of bridge inspections for Old 73, CTH Z, and CTH A:

- Old 73 is a steel fracture critical bridge. One floor beam support gusset is 30% deteriorated and more investigation is needed.
- CTH Z bridge east of CTH CD has a rotted timber pile cap needing replacement. Scheduling to repair this year; reallocating project funds from CTH CD box replacement which has been postponed to next year due to easement issue.
- CTH A bridge at UPRR has a rotating abutment on the east end. Soft soils and signs of slope failure below the abutment are present. It is recommended that the bridge be closed until either more investigation justifies re-opening or construction replacement in 2023.

Motion by Foley, second by Koch, to authorize the closing of the CTH A UP Railroad bridge to all traffic until the bridge is replaced. Motion carried.

2020 Capital Plan

Hardy provided an update on the 2020 capital improvement plan.

Fall Department Auction Items

Hardy presented a listing of the Fall Department auction items and current bids. The bid on the plow items was lower than the amount that could be received by scrapping the items.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to hold back the plow items from the auction and approve the remaining items as presented. Motion carried

Change Order #1: Video Security Contract

Hardy discussed the Video Security System installed in 2020. Two cameras remain to be connected and may not be needed. The change order to the contract is a deduct of \$6025.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Wingers, to approve the deduct of \$6025 change order to the Video Security Contract. Motion carried.

Intersection Changes: CTH V @ CTH CS

Hardy presented a map and discussed the current signage, geography, and speed study results. The following recommendations from the Traffic Safety Committee were presented:

1. Add second stop signs on CTH CS westbound and CTH V eastbound in the intersection.
2. Make CTH V south (west) a permanent stop condition road (add stop sign.)
3. Add "No Parking" signs along CTH V west of the intersection and along CTH CS east of the intersection both for a distance of 500 feet.
4. Change the speed limit across Whalen Grade from CTH CS to Tipperary Rd. to 35 MPH.

5. Change the 45 MPH speed to 35 MPH on CTH CS from the intersection toward the east for the full extent of the existing speed zone.

Hardy recommended the speed limit change to 35 MPH in number 4 above be extended all the way to the east to the end of the existing 45 MPH zone.

Motion by Koch, second by Plumer, to approve the recommendations of the Traffic Safety Committee listed in numbers 1, 2, 3, and 5 and to approve the speed limit change to 35 MPH in number 4 above be extended all the way to the east to the end of the existing 45 MPH zone as recommended by Hardy. Motion carried.

Award Field Archeological Monitoring Contract for CTH CM

Hardy explained the CTH CM project location has been identified as an uncategorized burial site protected by State Statute 157.70 requiring the service of a qualified archeologist to be present for all soil disturbing activity. The cost will be covered by funds budgeted for CTH CD in 2020 which has been delayed. The Department recommended accepting the lowest bidder, Mississippi Valley Archeology Center.

| Bidder | Bid |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Mississippi Valley Archeology Center | \$4,229.00 |
| Commonwealth Heritage Group | \$6,077.55 |

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to award the field archeological monitoring contract to Mississippi Valley Archeology Center in the amount of \$4,229. Motion carried.

CTH CM TLE Agreements

Hardy summarized the work on CTH CM and the need for four Temporary Limited Easements (TLE). The Department has paid \$250 per parcel as a minimum in the past. The four TLEs would cost \$1,000 and be funded through (3313), the Road and Bridge Account.

Motion by Wingers, second by St. Maurice, to approve four Temporary Limited Easements in the amount of \$250 each for a total of \$1,000 as presented. Motion carried.

CTH A Temporary Work Agreements

Hardy presented three Temporary Work Agreements necessary for work on CTH A to remove and replace culverts. Channel diversion is not an option. The Department proposed to temporarily dam the channel at the Epps spillway adjacent to CTH A and pump the water from the impoundment around the existing roadway onto property owner's land. Two property owners upstream have been notified that temporary minor flooding may be a result of the work performed. The work will be conducted during a dry time. The DNR has approved the project and the property owners approve the temporary dam of the channel.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Plumer, to approve the three Temporary Work Agreements as presented. Motion carried.

Department Administration: Ordinance vs. Policy and Procedures

Hardy presented a list of items to determine which should be ordinance and which should be policy. The differences between ordinance and policy and how they relate to state statutes was discussed. State statute requires some items be ordinances. Fisher noted that state statutes are updated periodically and always trump ordinances and policies. The need for an appeal process and variances was discussed.

Motion by Plumer, second by St. Maurice, to bring the ordinance vs policy topic to the October Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Ordinance: 12-3-1 Speed Limits Revisions

Hardy presented Ordinance 12-3-1 with revisions in bold and underlined explaining State Statute states 55 MPH is rural speed unless posted differently. If posted differently, an ordinance must state the speed and signage must be present. The ordinance revisions included speed and distance. All signage is listed in the ordinance.

Motion by Koch, second by Plumer, to approve Ordinance 12-3-1 as presented. Motion carried.

Ordinance: Draft Title 12-8 Highway Access for Special Events

Hardy presented the draft of Ordinance 12-8 Highway Access for Special Events which is a new ordinance. The draft started at the Traffic Safety Committee and was presented to the Highway Committee for informational purposes and input.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Koch, to move the draft Ordinance 12-8 to the October Highway Committee meeting. Motion carried.

Vacant Position Update

Nothing presented.

Safety Items/Worker's Compensation Claims

There were no new claims.

Accounting Review

July financial statements were presented.

Disallowance of Liability Claim: Aegis Claim # 018599923579, Taylor, Columbia County, WI*

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to go into closed session at 10:03 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), the Committee may go into closed session when "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: Aegis Claim #018599923579, Taylor, Columbia County, WI claim*]

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: Koch, St. Maurice, Foley, and Wingers.

Noes: 0

Jon Plumer, Susan Fisher, Chris Hardy, and Traci Horn were present in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

Motion by Koch, second by Plumer, the Committee reconvened in open session at 10:07 a.m. Motion unanimously carried.

No action was taken in closed session.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Plumer, to disallow the Taylor, Columbia County, WI claim. Motion carried.

Chairman's Communications

There were no communications from the Chairman.

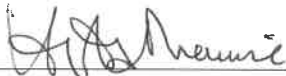
Commissioner's Communications

Summary of communications was provided to the Committee. Hardy explained the Department follows the 2006 DOT work zone manual which was changed by the DOT in April 2020. The central DOT office is still reviewing the manual and questions submitted about its recommendations. The recommendations in the new manual result in increased equipment requirements and man power. There is the potential for additional costs of \$200,000 for Columbia County. The County's insurance provider has reviewed the new manual and there are concerns regarding ministerial duty versus subject to impacts of budget, man power, equipment, and other exemptions. Discussions between WCHA and WisDOT are ongoing. For now, the Department continues to follow the current MUTCD, 2006 flip books, and WisDOT Standard Detail Drawings for Traffic Control. The Department consults, but is not following strictly, the new 2020 Work Zone Manual.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be October 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion made by Koch, second by Wingers, to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. Motion carried.
Respectfully submitted:



Henry St. Maurice, Secretary



Traci Horn, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee
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