

Present: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Kirk Konkol, JoAnn Wingers, and Craig Robson

Also in Attendance: County Board Chair Vern E. Gove, Supervisor Bob Koch, Chris Hardy, Joseph Ruf, Joe DeBoer, David Pantzlaff from Ayres Associates, Richard Zondag, and Shonna Neary

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Konkol, second by Wingers to approve the agenda as written, subject to the Chairman's discretion as to the order for topics of the meeting to be considered. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkol to approve the Highway Committee minutes of August 2, 2018. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from July 26, 2018 through August 29, 2018. Neary provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenses.

Motion made by Robson, second by Konkol to approve the vouchers for a total of \$1,015,533.26. Motion carried.

Visitor Input

Supervisor Bob Koch was introduced to the committee.

David Pantzlaff from Ayres Associates introduced himself to the committee and discussed Ayres Associates capability related to bridge design projects.

Driveway Variance Requests

Hardy presented two driveway variance requests. Owner (Geisser) is requesting a variance to extend culvert and widen driveway to accommodate larger trucks. The driveway is located on CTH W west of Owen Park Road in the Township of Caledonia.

Motion made by Konkol, second by Robson to approve the driveway variance request for Geisser. Motion carried.

Richard Zondag explained the request for a new driveway located on CTH A west of Highway 73 in the Township of Courtland.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkol to approve the driveway variance request for Zondag. Motion carried.

State System Projects

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

County STIP Projects (CTH V, CTH U, and Haynes Rd.)

Hardy provided updates on all STIP projects.

County Aid Road Applications

Hardy presented a request for the Township of Caledonia to substitute Sky High Road instead of Petra Road for their County Aid application.

Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve Caledonia's County Aid Road application for Sky High Road instead of Petra Road. Motion carried.

CTH M at UP Railroad Easement Agreement

Hardy presented the agreement for the Railroad to sign for the easement for the bridge on CTH M. The compensation total is \$2,500 for .22 acres.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkel to approve the compensation of \$2,500 for the bridge on CTH M easement agreement. Motion carried.

Bridge Inspection Contract Change Order

Hardy presented change order #1 for the annual bridge inspection contract with CEP Engineering, LLC. The change order for an increase of \$517.07 is due to increased inspections for the flooding event in August. The new contract total will be \$11,609.64.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson to approve the bridge inspection contract change order for \$517.07. Motion carried.

2018 STP Bridge Projects: State Municipal Agreements

Hardy presented the WisDOT Surface Transportation Program cycle for 2017-2022 along with the State Municipal Agreements for the following projects: CTH A, Sterk Rd., Inglehart Rd., Hall Rd., Old STH 73 Rd., Wendt Rd.

Salt Pricing Winter 2018/2019

Hardy presented the recommended salt pricing for the 2018/2019 winter season.

Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve the salt price of \$91.77 for the 2018/2019 winter season. Motion carried.

Amend Title 12 Chapter 3

Hardy presented the update to Title 12 Chapter 3. Section 12-3-1(a) establish speed limits for CTH C from STH 60 to the north 1,710 feet at a speed limit of 45 and CTH DM from Fall River Village Limit to CTH DG Intersection at a speed limit of 35.

Motion made by Konkel, second by Robson to approve the amendment to Title 12 Chapter 3 to establish speed limits for CTH C from STH 60 to the north 1,710 feet at a speed limit of 45 and CTH DM from Fall River Village Limit to CTH DG Intersection at a speed limit of 35. Motion carried.

Approve WDNR Recreational Boating Grant Award

Hardy presented a grant award from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Park Lake public boat ramp improvements. The total award was \$54,437. The grant period is August 14, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkel to accept the WDNR Grant Award for the Park Lake Launch project. Motion carried.

Safety Items/Workers Compensation Claims

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

Vacant Position Update

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

Position Replacement Request – Master Mechanic

Hardy requested replacement of a master mechanic. The position will be vacated September 13, 2018 due to a retirement.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson to approve the master mechanic position replacement request. Motion carried.

Accounting Review

A capital outlay summary through August and financial statements through July were presented and distributed to the Committee.

Accounting Policies

Topic will be presented at a later date.

Chairman's Communications

Foley and Chair Gove expressed gratitude to the highway employees for all their work during the flooding.

Commissioner's Communications

Hardy provided a handout of insurance claims history for the department with a comparison to other counties.

Disallowance of Liability Claims/CTH V Nominal Payment Parcel Report

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson, the Committee went into closed session at 9:20 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" [CTH V Nominal

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Payment Parcel Report]. 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: Foley, Konkel, Robson, Wingers.

Noes: 0

Chair Gove, Supervisor Koch, Hardy, Ruf, and Neary were present in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson, the Committee reconvened in open session at 9:34 a.m. Motion carried.

No action was taken in closed session.

Motion made by Robson, second by Wingers to deny the Frontier Hwy 188 liability claim filed against the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Motion made by Konkel, second by Wingers to approve the CTH V Nominal Payment Parcel Report, with the exception that a minimum of \$250 per parcel listed be paid. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be on October 4, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by Konkel, second by Wingers to adjourn at 9:36 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:


JoAnn Wingers, Secretary


Shonna Neary, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee
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County Board Vice Chair Drew
County Board 2nd Vice Chair Foley
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