

Columbia County Highway Committee

Minutes

October 4, 2018

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

Also in Attendance: County Board Chair Vern E. Gove, Supervisor Tom Borgkvist, Chris Hardy, Joseph Ruf, Mark Zimmerman, 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 September 6, 2018. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from August 30, 2018 through September 26, 2018. Neary provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenses.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Koch to approve the vouchers for a total of \$540,908.38. Motion carried.

State System Projects

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

County STIP Projects

Hardy provided updates on all STIP projects.

2017 STP Cycle

Hardy provided updates on STP Funding for CTH A, Sterk, Inglehart, Hall, Old 73, and Wendt.

County Aid Road Substitutions

Hardy presented requests for the Township of Fountain Prairie to substitute Fields Road instead of Mickelson Road and Township of West Point to substitute Van Ness Road instead of Gannon Road for their County Aid Road applications.

Motion made by Robson, second by Koch to approve Fountain Prairie's County Aid Road application for Fields Road instead of Mickelson Road and West Point's County Aid Road application for Van Ness Road instead of Gannon Road. Motion carried.

CTH B Cost Share with Village of Cambria

Hardy presented two options for work to be completed in the Village of Cambria for CTH B (Mary Street). Both options would be a cost share with the Village of Cambria. The first option would be a mill and resurface project at an estimated County cost of \$40,000. The second option would be a reconstruction project at an estimated County cost of \$80,000. Hardy and the Committee expressed concerns with the second option since utilities would not be replaced at this point.

Motion made by Konkol, second by Robson to approve the mill and resurface option at an estimated County cost of \$40,000. The Committee would reconsider the reconstruction project if the Village of Cambria could obtain funding for the utility work. Motion carried.

Approve Service Maxx Software Donation

Lakeside International provided the department with Service Maxx Software at \$19 for the cost of freight. The value of the software is \$540.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Koch to accept the donated software at a value of \$540 from Lakeside International. Motion carried.

Safety Items/Workers Compensation Claims

Three 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 Requests – Highway Maintenance Workers (3)

Hardy requested replacement of three (3) highway maintenance workers. The positions have been/will be vacated September 14, October 4, and November 12, 2018.

Motion made by Konkol, second by Robson to approve the three (3) highway maintenance worker position replacement requests. Motion carried.

Accounting Review

Capital outlay summary through September and financial statements through August were presented and distributed to the Committee. Mark Zimmerman, who will be the new Highway Accounting Supervisor was introduced to the Committee.

Chairman's Communications

Foley and Chair Gove commented on the staff appreciation meeting that took place earlier in the day.

Commissioner's Communications

Hardy provided a handout of activities from September.

Disallowance of Liability Claims-Frontier CTH V/Lang Drive

CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkol, the Committee went into closed session at 9:06 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-Frontier CTH V/Lang Drive]. 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: 5, as follows: Foley, Koch, Konkel, Robson, Wingers.
Noes: 0

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

OPEN SESSION

Motion made by Konkel, second by Koch, the Committee reconvened in open session at 9:14 a.m.
Motion carried.

No action was taken in closed session.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Koch to deny the Frontier CTH V/Lang Drive liability claim filed against the Highway Department. Motion carried.

Schedule Fall Municipal Meeting

The Highway Department holds a fall meeting for all the municipalities.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Konkel to schedule the Fall Municipal Meeting for November 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled Highway Committee meeting will be on November 1, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Koch to adjourn at 9:20 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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