

**Present:** Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Bob Koch, JoAnn Wingers, Henry St. Maurice, and Kim Manley

**Absent:** Supervisor Jon Plumer

**Also in Attendance:** Supervisor Nancy Long, Chris Hardy, Traci Horn, Susan Fisher, William Hellenbrand, April Stroemer, Ellen Pulver, Shawn Ebert, Jonathan Richie (Portage Daily Register), Joyce Jansen, Alan Borde, Craig Potter (I-State Truck Center), Frank Anderson (Truck Country), Claire Hinickle, Becky Branton, Hank Wieland (Lakeside International, LLC), Steve Kern, Jessica Dredske, and Michelle Goldade

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

**Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Foley, second by St. Maurice, to move the visitor input item to the beginning of the agenda. Motion carried.

**Visitor Input**

Pulver spoke on behalf of the Columbia County ATV/UTV Enthusiasts Club in support of opening County roads to ATV/UTV traffic.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Wingers, second by Manley, to approve the November 4, 2021 Highway Committee minutes. Motion carried.

**Approval of Vouchers**

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from October 28, 2021 through November 24, 2021. Horn provided input regarding some of the expenses.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to approve the vouchers for a total of \$611,764.53. Motion carried.

**Bid Opening – Truck Chassis**

Bids for three (3) single axle truck chassis, one (1) tandem axle truck chassis, and one (1) tri-axle truck chassis were opened and read aloud by Hardy.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to forward the bids to William Hellenbrand and Chris Hardy for review and report back to the Committee at the January Committee meeting. Motion carried.

**ATV/UTV Routes**

The Columbia County Traffic Safety Commission (TSC) made a recommendation at the November 2021 meeting “to open all roads in Columbia County to ATV/UTV usage if restrictions can be added to the ordinance and if issues arise, Columbia County Highway Commission has the right to close any section if needed.” The Committee reviewed the November 2021 TSC meeting minutes. Fisher explained Wis. Stats. §23.33 regulates recreational vehicles and Wis. Stats. §346 Rules of the Road. She noted the applicability of Wis. Stats. §346.02(11) and the necessity for any County ordinance regarding ATV/UTV routes must be in strict conformity with Wis. Stats. §23.33 and consistent with Wis. Stats. §346.02(11). A listing of surrounding Counties that allow ATV/UTV routes and the Columbia County Towns and Municipalities that allow ATV/UTV routes was reviewed.

---

Motion by Wingers, second by St. Maurice, to have Hardy work with Corporation Counsel to draft an Ordinance to open County roads to ATV/UTV routes with the option to close roads on which safety issues arise in strict conformity with Wis. Stats. §23.33 consistent with Wis. Stats. §346.02(11). Motion carried.

**Driveway Appeal: W5602 CTH P**

The Committee reviewed the site plan put together by the property owner’s contractor for a second driveway to a new building on the property which is zoned A-1 and is rural as defined by Ordinance 9.07(3)(f). Dredske, the property owner, confirmed a building permit was issued for the building shown in the site plan. The driveway proposed in the site plan shows proper storm water drainage away from the driveway apron. The impact of the septic and well placement on the typical turn radius along with removing trees in the vision triangle at the direction of the Department were discussed.

Motion by Manley, second by Wingers, to approve the driveway variance request siting increasing public safety, the placement of the septic and well impacting the typical turn radius not fitting this property, and removal of trees in the vision triangle per the direction of Columbia County Highway and Transportation Department. Motion carried.

Amended motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to note the property is zoned A-1 and is rural as defined by Ordinance 9.07(3)(f)(2) and snow cannot be piled between the two property driveways. Amended motion carried.

**State System Projects**

Current and planned state highway projects within Columbia County were presented for informational purposes.

**Capital Plan**

Hardy provided an update on the 2021 capital improvement plan and presented the 2022 capital improvement plan. The Lodi fuel site was given a clean rating; no environmental issues.

**Award Bid – Wheel Loader**

A review of the bids was presented. The Department recommended accepting the lowest qualifying bid for the large loader meeting specifications submitted by Fabick Cat (John Fabick Tractor Co.).

Bidder – Large Wheel Loader	Delivery Date	Price – New Unit	Warranty	Trade Value for Unit #784	Net Purchase Price
<b>Fabick Cat (John Fabick Tractor Co. *AWARDED</b>	<b>January 2022</b>	<b>\$204,500</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>\$54,500</b>	<b>\$150,000</b>
Swiderski Equipment, Inc.	May – June 2022	\$190,370	NA	\$35,000	\$155,370
Aring Equipment Company, Inc.	Early 2022	\$194,000	\$7,820	\$35,000	\$166,820
Brooks Tractor, Inc.	November 2022	\$209,900	NA	\$50,000	\$159,900

Columbia County Highway Committee  
 Minutes  
 December 2, 2021

Bidder – Small Wheel Loader	Delivery Date	Price – New Unit	Warranty	Trade Value for Unit #784	Net Purchase Price
Swiderski Equipment, Inc.	May – June 2022	\$174,620	NA	\$35,000	\$139,620
Aring Equipment Company, Inc.	Early 2022	\$174,000	\$7,210	\$35,000	\$146,210
Brooks Tractor, Inc.	November 2022	\$199,900	NA	\$50,000	\$149,900
Fabick Cat (John Fabick Tractor Co.)	No Bid	No Bid	NA	No Bid	No Bid

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to award the wheel loader bid to Fabick Cat (John Fabick Tractor Co.). Motion carried.

**Transfer \$840 for Dome #1 Roof Replacement Final Payment (damaged plywood)**

The Committee reviewed a summary of the capital outlay budget for the dome #1 roof replacement and the need for \$840 in additional funding. Hardy proposed two options: transfer from equity or change in capital outlay to transfer \$840 from the tandem axle plow trucks 2020 carryover item to the dome #1 roof replacement item.

Motion by Koch, second by Manley, to approve the change in capital outlay request to transfer \$840 from the tandem axle plow trucks 2020 carryover item to the dome #1 roof replacement item and forward to the Finance Committee. Motion carried.

**Department Carry-Overs**

Hardy presented the 2021 budgeted capital outlay funds to be carried forward to 2022 for projects currently in progress.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Wingers, to approve the capital outlay carry overs as presented. Motion carried.

**CTH Project Status**

Hardy provided an update on the County projects. A Railroad Stipulation Petition has been filed with OCR for the railroad bridge project on CTH A. Date for hearing is to be determined.

**CTH CD Jewell Invoices**

The Committee reviewed a summary of the CTH CD small bridge replacement project costs and Jewell invoices for additional work conducted for the project. The project is \$3,677.33 over budget. Hardy informed the Committee there is funding in Road and Bridge to cover the cost overrun.

Motion by Manley, second by Koch, to approve cost overrun for the CTH CD small bridge replacement project as presented. Motion carried.

**10 Year Road Plan**

Hardy reviewed the ten (10) year road plan; noting the 2022 road plan for asphalt paving and bridge projects. PASER rating, accident history, funding sources, and timing are reviewed when making road selections. Discussed the need to be prepared for funding opportunities by having some “plans on the shelf” for projects that require reconstruction type level of effort.

**Incentive Pay Request**

Hardy presented an incentive pay request for Department employees working on multi-lane roads in the County with a posted speed limit above 60 miles per hour to receive incentive pay of an additional \$1.00 per hour for all hours worked in the road corridor. There is no additional cost to the County as the roads are on the State system and the costs associated with State system road work are reimbursed by the State through the RMA.

Motion by St. Maurice, second by Manley, to approve the incentive pay request for Department employees working on multi-lane roads as presented and recommend to the Human Resources Committee to adopt it. Motion carried.

**Vacant Position Update & Position Replacement Request**

Hardy presented a position replacement request for one (1) Patrolman. The Department is currently filling the following positions: two (2) Patrolmen, one (1) Mechanic, and one (1) Supervisor. In addition, one (1) Mechanic is on sick leave and one (1) Mechanic position is unfilled.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to approve the position replacement request for one (1) Patrolman. Motion carried.

**Safety Items/Worker's Compensation Claims**

One (1) new worker's compensation claim was discussed.

**Accounting Review**

October financial statements were presented.

**Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.67108, Date of Loss: September 13, 2021, N1545 STH 22, Arlington, WI\***

**Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.67110, Date of Loss: September 24, 2021, 102 N Sterk Rd., Cambria, WI\***

**Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.66570, Date of Loss: August 8, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI\***

---

**CLOSED SESSION**

---

Motion made by St. Maurice, second by Koch, to go into closed session at 9:42 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 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: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.67108, Date of Loss: September 13, 2021, N1545 STH 22, Arlington, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.67110, Date of Loss: September 24, 2021, 102 N Sterk Rd., Cambria, WI] and [Disallowance of Liability: Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.66570, Date of Loss: August 8, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ayes: 5, as follows: Koch, St. Maurice, Foley, Manley, and Wingers  
Noes: 0

---

Supervisor Long, Hardy, Fisher, and Horn were present in closed session.

---

**OPEN SESSION**

---

Motion by Koch, second by Wingers, the Committee reconvened in open session at 9:49 a.m. Motion carried.

No action was taken in closed session.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to disallow liability for Aegis Acknowledgement Claim #300.67108, Date of Loss: September 13, 2021, N1545 STH 22, Arlington, WI and have Corporation Counsel send a letter of denial. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to disallow liability for Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.67110, Date of Loss: September 24, 2021, 102 N Sterk Rd., Cambria, WI and have Corporation Counsel send a letter of denial. Motion carried.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to disallow liability for Aegis Acknowledgement Claim: #300.66570, Date of Loss: August 8, 2021, CTH EE, Columbia County, WI and have Corporation Counsel send a letter of denial. Motion carried.

**Winter Road School: January 2022**

The Committee reviewed the agenda for WCHA 2022 Winter Road School to be held at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells January 17, 2022- January 19, 2022. Existing Committee members are planning to attend; Department to reach out to Supervisor Plumer for his status.

**Commissioner's Communications**

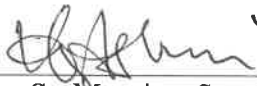
Hardy provided a handout detailing his external communications.

**Adjournment**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 8:00 a.m.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to adjourn at 10:16 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



Henry St. Maurice, Secretary



Traci Horn, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee  
County Board Chair Gove  
County Board Vice Chair Foley  
County Board 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Koch

Joseph Ruf, III  
Susan Fisher  
Internet  
Susan M. Moll  
Chris Hardy