

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

Also in Attendance: Chris Hardy, Mark Zimmerman, Lois Schepp, Joseph Ruf, Jessica Hale, Bill Statz and Kory Anderson from General Engineering

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

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Wingers, second by Robson, to approve the November 7, 2019 Highway Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of Vouchers

The committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from October 31, 2019 through November 27, 2019. Zimmerman provided input regarding some of the expenses.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to approve the vouchers for a total of \$665,673.04. Motion carried.

Commercial Driveway Variance Request: Grace Bible Church, 2939 County Rd CX, Portage
Grace Bible Church requested a variance for a wider driveway (Ord 12-4-5 commercial standard width is maximum of 35 ft; church is requesting a 40 ft width). Request was reviewed and discussed.

Motion by Foley, second by Robson, to approve the request to allow the wider 40 ft. driveway, pending City of Portage approval. Motion carried.

Village of Poynette Request for use of CTH CS Right-of-Way in Village Limit

The Village of Poynette has requested to use the CTH CS right-of-way for a bike/walking trail. The village has applied for a grant from the DNR. The grant requires permission from the county for use of the right-of-way.

Motion by Wingers, second by Koch, to work with the DNR and the village by drafting an MOU between the county and the village granting permission from the county to use the right-of-way. Ayes 4, as follows: Koch, Robson, Wingers and St. Maurice. Noes 1, as follows: Foley. Motion carried.

Capital Improvement Plan

An updated 2019 capital improvement plan was presented to the Committee. The CS sand storage facility project will not be completed this year. A request to carry over the funds into 2020 will be submitted.

State System Projects

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

County STIP Projects

Reviewed updates, issues and change management requests on all STIP projects.

Annual Local Road Certification

Annual certification of roads and mileage was presented.

Motion by Koch, second by St. Maurice, to approve the certification as presented. Motion carried.

Salt Storage Facilities Discretionary Maintenance Agreement

The salt storage facilities DMA was presented and discussed.

Motion by Wingers, second by Robson, to approve the Salt Storage Facilities Discretionary Maintenance Agreement as presented. Motion carried.

Appoint Committee Member to the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium

The committee discussed recommending Supervisor Bob Koch as a committee member of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium.

Motion by Foley, second by Wingers, to appoint Supervisor Bob Koch as a member of the East Wisconsin Counties Railroad Consortium. Motion carried.

Safety Items & WC Claims

There were not any worker's compensation claims since the November meeting.

Vacant Position Update

It was noted that interviews for the vacant Fleet Foreman position will be held November 11. Additionally, a Highway Maintenance Worker recently resigned.

Position Replacement Request – Highway Maintenance Worker

The Department has one Highway Maintenance Worker vacancy due to a resignation.

Motion by Robson, second by St. Maurice, to approve filling the Highway Maintenance Worker position as presented. Motion carried.

Accounting Review

October 2019 financial statements and November 2019 Capital Outlay were presented.

Commissioner's Communications

Commissioner communications included discussion regarding: deer contract, Baycom radio testing, salt dust from Cambria shop on neighbor's vegetation, Village of Wyocena false alarm fees, and Village of Wyocena abandoned wells. Chair Foley requested Corporation Counsel receive a copy of the correspondence we received from the Village of Wyocena.

Committee discussed some options for the Portage Shop layout. No action was taken and the issue was tabled for future discussion. Committee did not go into closed session.

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Adjournment

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be January 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion made by Wingers, second by Robson, to adjourn at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:



J. Ann Wingers, Secretary



Mark Zimmerman, Recording Secretary

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

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