

PRESENT: Chair Jim Foley, Supervisors Kirk Konkol, JoAnn Wingers, Mary Cupery, Andy Ross and Craig Robson.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: County Board Chair Vern Gove, Chris Hardy, Joseph Ruf, Susan Fisher, Mathew Schneider, and Jonathan Stefonek from the Portage Daily Register.

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed and published.

AGENDA

MOTION: Motion made by Wingers, second by Cupery to approve the agenda as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Robson to approve the Highway Committee minutes of November 2, 2017. The motion was unanimously approved.

VOUCHERS

The Committee reviewed the voucher report detailing payments made from October 26, 2017 through November 29, 2017. Schneider provided input regarding some of the uncommon expenditures.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkol, second by Ross to approve the vouchers for a total of \$761,686.28. The motion was unanimously approved.

2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Hardy provided an update on the 2017 capital improvement plan.

CAMBRIA SHOP PROJECT STATUS

Hardy provided an update on the status of the Cambria shop project.

STATE SYSTEM PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY

Current and planned state system projects within Columbia County were discussed. A public information meeting will be held on December 12 at the Leeds Town Hall regarding a planned roundabout at the intersection of STH 22 and STH 60.

COUNTY STIP FUND BALANCE & PROJECTS UPDATE

Hardy provided an update and cost projections for STIP projects. Input from the CTH V public involvement meeting on November 29 was discussed.

SAND BAG BILLING PROCESS

Hardy spoke with Emergency Management Coordinator, Kathy Johnson, and reached an understanding regarding sand bag billing costs. Emergency Management will propose a line item in the 2019 budget to cover Highway's sand bag costs. The motion was unanimously approved.

2018 WISDOT ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Columbia County had not received the 2018 Routine Maintenance Agreement at the time of the Committee meeting.

ATV/UTV DRAFT ORDINANCE

Revisions to the draft ATV/UTV ordinance were presented to the Committee. Procedural instructions for administering the ordinance will be drafted.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, second by Wingers to approve the draft ordinance and forward to the County Board for approval. The motion was unanimously approved.

TEMPORARY BOATING RESTRICTION DRAFT ORDINANCE – FOX RIVER (PARK LAKE)

Hardy informed the Committee that temporary boating restrictions on Park Lake will be required while the Haynes Road Bridge is being replaced. The DNR requires the County to pass an ordinance for the temporary restrictions.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkel, Second by Ross to recommend County Board approve the ordinance as presented; subject to concurrence from the Public Safety Committee (as Sheriff's Office will be responsible for enforcement of the ordinance). The motion was unanimously approved.

SAFETY ITEMS/WORKERS COMP CLAIMS

One new worker compensation claim was reported since the previous meeting.

ACCOUNTING REVIEW

A capital outlay summary through November and financial statements through October were presented and distributed to the Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner provided a handout detailing his external communications over the previous month.

VACANT POSITION UPDATE

Hardy updated the Committee on the status of the Department's vacancies.

WCHA WINTER CONFERENCE

Supervisors Konkel, Foley, and Wingers will attend the WCHA Winter Conference from January 15-17 at Chula Vista Resort.

DISALLOWANCE OF LIABILITY CLAIMS / COLUMBUS SHOP PROPERTY SWAP

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: On Motion made by Wingers, second by Cupery, the Committee went into closed session at 9:55 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" [Columbus Shop Property Swap].

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: 6, as follows: Cupery, Foley, Konkol, Robson, Ross, and Wingers.
Noes: 0

Chair Gove, Hardy, Ruf, Fisher, and Schneider were present in closed session.

OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Motion made by Ross, second by Wingers, the Committee reconvened in open session at 10:19 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

No action was taken in closed session.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkol, second by Wingers to deny two liability claims filed against the Highway Department. The motion was unanimously approved.

MOTION: Motion made by Ross second by Robson to approve up to \$3,500 in surveyor fees plus an additional \$300 in review and recording fees to relocate the property line on the site of the Columbus highway shop. The motion was unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

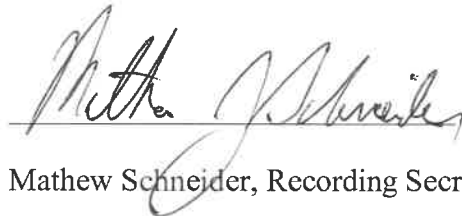
Next regularly scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

MOTION: Motion made by Konkol, second by Wingers to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted:



JoAnn Wingers, Secretary



Mathew Schneider, Recording Secretary

cc: Highway Committee
County Board Chair Gove
County Board Vice Chair Cupery
Chris Hardy
Susan M. Moll
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