

Date: June 12 2012
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Aasen at 9:02 am.
Open meeting law requirements have been met.
Members present: Chairman John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Doug Winters, Curt Skoyen, Dave Larson, and Commissioner Johnson.
Members absent: None

Other persons attending: Jamie Kabus for Personnel Discussion
Dave Lyga for Equipment Discussion

Minutes of May 8, 2012 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept minutes as printed by Mike Nelson. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Doug Winters, second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

AUDIT

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #377 to #378 for \$1,010.00.
Approval of Vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #379 to #394 for \$65,146.11. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson second by Curt Skoyen.
Motion carried.

Voucher #395 thru #489 were audited in the amount of \$550,716.33. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

BUILDING and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Fence around plant had some work done to it.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Blade patching roads. Culvert work being completed. Currently Centerline Painting. DNR has some work to be done to the Buffalo River Trail.
Briefly discussed the Road Agreement. More information will be brought to the July Meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Pavement Evaluation Reports.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

Representatives from two bidding companies presented information about their chassis and answered questions from the committee. The committee discussed the bids and the information about the single axle truck chassis. Mike Nelson made the motion to purchase two truck chassis from Nuss Truck (formerly Eau Claire Mack Sales) for \$203,379.00. The motion was seconded by Dave Larson. Motion Carried.

The committee reviewed the only bid received for the truck equipment. Doug Winters made the motion to accept the bid from Universal Highway Products for \$153,372.00. Motion was seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Dave Lyga informed the Highway Committee about some recent changes to the regulations of air-conditioning repair of units. There is a \$120.00 annual fee to work on air-conditioning units. Mechanics performing this work would need to complete a 2 hour class to get certified. The machine to test the units has an approximate cost of \$3,500.00. Dave Lyga explained the costs savings if work was performed by county employees versus taking to company for repair. Doug Winters made the motion to move forward with the air-conditioning certification, fees, and purchases. Dave Larson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

One employee remains off of work with non-work related surgery. No anticipated return date at this time.

Interviews have been completed to hire one paver operator and one roller operator. Commissioner Johnson felt the need to hire a second paver operator at this time. The Highway Department had two open positions for Paver Operator but only was approved to fill one position, this left the paving crew short one employee. After discussing the second paver operator position, Curt Skoyen made the motion to hire an additional paver operator. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

APPEARANCES

The representatives from the Kraemer Company asked to make an appearance and speak with the Highway Committee. Kraemer Company offered an agreement in regards to maintenance of roads where they propose a sand mine operation. The proposal was to Bond for a set amount to bring the road where the sand mine is located back to the original condition before sand mine began operation. No action was taken at this time. Committee felt they needed to have more time to review agreement and counter offer the County's Agreement to Kraemer Company.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Johnson presented the Resolutions for Funding of Road Projects. The committee was informed of the deadline to complete work on the road before the County would lose funding from the state. Committee requested they view these roads before making their decision.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee about the Turton Creek Bridge in the Town of Arcadia. Commissioner Johnson explained that a replacement of this bridge would be \$523,525.00 The County's share would be 10%. Committee would like to view this Bridge during their road inspections before making a decision.

Commissioner Johnson informed the committee of the Wisconsin County Highway Superintendent Foreman Conference to be held in September in Wausau. Doug Winters made the motion to allow the Superintendent(s) and Foremen to attend the WCHSFA Conference. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Highway Committee reviewed the LFA (Local Force Account) offered by the state for \$150,000.00. Mike Nelson made the motion to accept the LFA from the state. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

**John Aasen had the committee break for lunch at 12:18 pm.
Reconvened at 1:15 pm.**

The Highway Committee and Commissioner Johnson viewed the roads proposed in Funding Resolution, Bridge in Arcadia, and Linden Road, Town of Arcadia.

After viewing the roads, Curt Skoyen made the motion to approve The Resolution of Funding for County Road "J" in the amount of \$373,146.45 and General Maintenance (see attached for roads to have work done) in the amount of \$500,000.00. Seconded by Dave Larson. Motion Carried.

After viewing the Turton Creek Bridge in the Town of Arcadia, Doug Winters made the motion to recommend closing the bridge and to eliminate it. The county will need to have a discussion with the Town of Arcadia and the Department of Transportation to check if this recommendation is possible. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

The Highway Committee viewed Linden Road in the Town of Arcadia. Curt Skoyen made the motion to accept only the .79 mile of the proposed 1.47 miles that meets specifications into the Co-Aid Road Program. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

The next Audit Meeting will be held on July 10, 2012 at the Highway Office in Whitehall. Meeting time is 9:00 am.

Chairman Aasen adjourned the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Debra Haines
Recording Secretary
Trempealeau County Highway Department**

