

**Date: March 11, 2014**  
**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: Dave Lyga, Ernie Vold, 3 Citizens**

**Minutes of February 11, 2014 meeting were presented as drafted. A name change was made to a motion. Motion to accept minutes by Doug Winters. Seconded by Dave Larson. Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept agenda by Curt Skoyen, second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – 2014 Vouchers #98 to #118 for \$11,778.98. 2013 Voucher #1199 for (10.91). Motion to pay by Mike Nelson and seconded by Doug Winters. Motion carried.**

**2014 Vouchers #120 thru #122 were audited in the amount of \$871.88. 2014 Vouchers #122 thru #181 in the amount of \$365,477.77. Motion to pay Curt Skoyen. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.**

#### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS DISCUSSION**

**No new information**

#### **HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION**

**Winter Maintenance for February was \$191,000. The total so far for 2014 is \$413,000 for the County Roads. The State costs for February was \$182,000 (Labor and Equipment Only).**

#### **EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE**

**The Highway Department was gathering information and pricing to replace the 16' Paver with a newer 20' Paver. The decision was made to do repairs to current paver for the 2014 construction season. With the reduced amount of work and the amount of funding available, the department felt it would utilize the current paver for this season.**

**The Committee reviewed the bids for the patrol truck. Dave Lyga explained the special requirements needed for the interior of the truck cab. The driver has physical requirements to perform his patrol position duties. Doug Winters made the motion to purchase the chassis from V & H, Incorporated for \$43,183.00 plus Trade In (\$51,250.00). Curt Skoyen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**The Committee reviewed and discussed the Truck Equipment bids. Mike Nelson made the motion to purchase the Equipment from Universal Highway Products for \$82,996.00.**

**Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.**

**Dave Lyga informed the committee that the department has (4) 2006 Loaders at our outlying shops. These loaders are all in need of tires, cost of approximately \$9,000 per loader. There is rust damage to the loaders. The loaders have between 1,600 to 2,100 hours on them. Miller Bradford offered a buy back proposal to purchase 4 new loaders.**

**Mike Nelson made the motion to accept the buy back offer of \$189,400 to purchase 4 new loaders from Miller Bradford. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

#### **PERSONNEL DISCUSSION**

**No employees off work.**

**Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that the Hot Mix Foreman recently turned in his retirement paperwork for May 2, 2014. He would like to have the ability to post in house to fill this position, so the new person could work with Foreman to learn the position.**

**Dave Larson made the motion to post in house for the Hot Mix Foreman position and all subsequent positions. Curt Skoyen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**It was explained to the Committee that the Highway Handbook states the work week change would begin the first full week of April. Commissioner Johnson would like to begin working the four 10 hour days, Monday through Thursday, starting March 31, 2014.**

**Mike Nelson made the motion to start the four 10 hour days work week beginning March 31, 2014. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.**

#### **APPEARANCES**

**Three Representatives from Hi-Crush appeared to answer any questions the committee would have in regards to the Bonding offered to not place a Weight Restriction on part of County Road Q. Hi-Crush is asking that No Weight Restriction be placed on County Q from Highway 121 to the Dry Plant Location. John Aasen made the motion to allow Commissioner Johnson and Rian Radtke to finalize an agreement for bonding. This agreement must also involve all parties using this portion of County Q during the Spring Weight Restriction Season. Some of the parties are: Hi-Crush, Contractor installing the Water Main and the Contractor installing the Natural Gas Line. The motion was seconded by Dave Larson. Motion Carried.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**The Committee was informed that Spring Road Bans will be implemented in the near future. A notice was placed in the local newspaper and on the local radio station pertaining to the Weight Restrictions beginning soon. The weather conditions will be monitored closely and as soon as deemed necessary, the Road Weight Restrictions will be placed on County Roads.**

**The permit for the water main has not been signed at this time. Some clarification is needed with Contractor in regards to a corner in the road that needs to have some work done.**

**The Highway Department requested funds from the CAPX2020 Funding available through Trempealeau County. No action was taken at the Executive/Finance Committee meeting for disbursement of any of the funds.**

**The Committee discussed the Highway Construction Fund. The current 2014 budget is only \$385,000. \$100,000 of this amount is already committed to centerline painting of approximately 100 miles of County Roads. Bonding for future Construction was discussed. Dave Larson made the motion to create a Resolution requesting \$550,000 for Highway Construction in 2014 from the General Fund. Asked that a list of road projects be submitted with the Resolution. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**The next Audit Meeting is set for April 8, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Highway Office in Whitehall.**

**John Aasen adjourned the meeting at 11:03 am.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Debra Haines  
Recording Secretary  
Trempealeau County Hwy Dept**



