

Date: March 10, 2015
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway Office
Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Aasen at 9:00 am.

Open meeting law requirements have been met.

Members present: Chairman John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Doug Winters, Curt Skoyen, Ernest Vold, and Commissioner Lyga.

Members absent: None

Other persons attending: Kathy Gauger (Appearances), Tom Kloss (Building and Equipment Discussion)

Minutes of February 10, 2015 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Curt Skoyen. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by John Aasen. Seconded by Ernest Vold. Motion Carried.

AUDIT

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #87 to #88 for \$1,001.75. Vouchers #89 to #102 for \$11,218.95. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion carried.

Voucher #103 thru #176 were audited in the amount of \$234,287.83. Motion to pay by Ernest Vold. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.

BUILDING and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

The shingles on the salt shed in Whitehall are bad. Tom Kloss suggested repairing the roof with steel. The county employees will do the work. It was felt the materials would cost between \$5,000 to \$6,000. Doug Winters made the motion to allow Tom Kloss to check pricing and purchase necessary materials for repair of roof. Motion seconded by Ernest Vold. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lyga informed the committee that Spring Road Bans will begin on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 am. Commissioner Lyga contacted WHTL to place the notice on the radio. An email was sent to all Town Chairmen, Villages, Cities, Townships, Police Departments, and Large Businesses in regards to road bans starting.

The committee reviewed the preliminary funds balance.

Commissioner Lyga gave an update of work to be done within the county this summer.

Some of the work includes: four Bridges for townships that need to be removed and replaced with culverts (all four eligible for Bridge Petitions 50/50 Cost Share), shouldering work to be completed from the 2014 season, some railroad crossings will have safety arms placed, some additional railroad tracks will also be built.

Commissioner Lyga explained that the current state policy is to have sidewalks built on all new bridges. If they is no need for the sidewalk because of the location, the municipality can request to build without sidewalks. John Aasen made the motion to approve the Bridge Project Absence of Need Resolution for bridges on County F, County T and two bridges on County O. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried. CAP2020X has asked the county for permission to use a county road during the Spring Road Bans. Rian Radtke has drafted a road agreement with CAP2020X. The agreement has been sent to their attorney.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

Tom Kloss handed out a Bid Sheet with bids and comments in regards to Hot Box Trailers. The differences between the two trailers was explained in detail. Ernest Vold made the motion to accept the bid from Sherwin Industries for two Hot Box Trailers at \$22,970.00 each. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The water truck chassis is completed. The tank is scheduled to be installed March 16, 2015. Tentative completion of the truck is end of March. Distributor truck has an approximate delivery date of end of May. The two arrows boards should be available by end of March. The tri-axle trucks had a build date of March 6 with delivery to dealer early April. Universal can begin installation of equipment as soon as they receive chassis. Tom Kloss explained some near future plans for necessary purchases. There is a need for two plow trucks, two pickups, and a router.

PERSONNEL

One employee will be retiring on April 9, 2015.

APPEARANCES

Kathy Gauger from ADRC explained that they had vehicles in a shed at the Health Care Center. The storage shed being used needed to be removed because of the new construction. Ms. Gauger is looking for a facility to store the department vehicles in a shed and out of the elements. One suggestion was the Sheriff's Department new impound building. Due to the fact this building will being completely fenced in and security, it was felt this was not a good location. Commissioner Lyga suggested placing a Lean-to on (HW07) impound building near the Highway Office on County QQ. The lean-to would be approximately 24' wide and 60' long with open ends. The funds to build this unit would be completely covered by funds from ADRC. Mike Nelson made the motion to allow ADRC to construct a lean-to on the Highway Building. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Mike Nelson made the motion to advertise for bids for Maintenance Rock, Ashpalt Oil, and Culverts. Motion seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

**The next audit meeting will be held on April 14, 2015 at 9:00 am at the Highway Office,
N36258 County Rd QQ, Whitehall, WI 54773.**

Chairman Aasen adjourned the meeting at 10:20 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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