

**Date: October 13, 2015
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway Office
Time: 8:00 AM**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Aasen @ 8:05 am.
Open meeting law requirements have been met.
Members present: Chairman John Aasen, Mike Nelson, Doug Winters, Curt Skoyen,
Ernest Vold, and Commissioner Lyga.**

**Other persons attending: Tom Kloss ~ Buildings & Equipment Discussion
Rian Radtke (9:05-9:35 am) ~Highway Discussion, Waldera Land**

Minutes of September 8, 2015 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

Motion to accept agenda by Curt Skoyen. Second by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #761 to #797 for \$221,346.52. Voucher #798 for \$10,592.93. October Vouchers #799~#800 for \$911.02. Motion to pay by Mike Nelson. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion carried.

Voucher #801 thru #882 were audited in the amount of \$522,007.12. Motion to pay by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

Tom Kloss received only one quote for a security system for Highway Shop. The committee discussed the digital versus analog system and the pricing. Doug Winters made the motion to purchase the Digital System for \$4,780.00. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

The two new pickups are in use.

Tom Kloss gave a brief summary of what equipment needs to be replaced in 2016. Mike Nelson made a motion to have Tom Kloss investigate a sweeper truck that has been located. Doug Winters seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION/ACTION

For 2016, Commissioner Lyga will be keeping the distribution formula as is. Until all the annexation legal issues have been resolved, it was felt no changes should be made to the distribution formula. Town of Sumner had asked if Ridge Lane would be eligible for the Co-Aid System if brought up to standards. Ridge Lane would not meet specifications. The County Rd E LRIP Project is near completion. Painting still needs to be done to road. The county share of this project will be approximately \$400,000.00. The CAPX2020 job site is being cleared of materials and equipment since project is complete. The county has a \$45,000 bond to do repairs to the road adjoining this site. The plan is to blade patch this road. The county will also continue to haul rock from the CAPX2020 project.

Commissioner Lyga explained to the committee that five County Roads had flood damages. These damages were approximately \$60,000.00. Commissioner Lyga will be submitting a claim to the state for reimbursement of 75% of the costs.

Rian Radtke informed the Highway Committee of the Traffic Ordinance for Trempealeau County. The last ordinance was updated in 1972. The State Department of Transportation set standards for speed limits. If the County feels the speed limits should be different from state standards, the County must complete a study on the area before speed limits can be changed.

Rian Radtke explained that the County currently has the county road weight limits set at a Class B (48,000 lbs). Class B is designated as 60% of the Class A (80,000 lbs) weight limit. The committee recommended that Mr. Radtke change the weight limits to Class A in the new ordinance that is being worked on.

Commissioner Lyga informed the committee that the bridge on Mill Pond Road, Town of Arcadia is planned for removal.

The painting crew has 80 miles completed. There is another 16 miles of painting to be complete.

County Road Q is ready to be paved. Health Care Center field driveway needs to be repaired. Need to clean ditches as well. Hi-Crush has verbally agreed to help with funds for repairs and improvements to County Q. The funds will be paid in four quarterly payments. The final details are being worked on with Rian Radtke.

Commissioner Lyga was recently contacted about a land lease payment for our radio tower that is located on land owned by Wilber Trucking. The lease was previously being paid by the Sheriff's Department. The Highway Department paid all the electricity costs. When the Sheriff's Department moved their equipment to a different tower, no lease payment was being made. The Highway Department was unaware of this lease payment. Wilber Trucking submitted an invoice to the Highway Department for back lease payments and lease until 2016 for \$3,000.00. Doug Winters made the motion to pay the invoice. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

Curt Skoyen made the motion to allow Rian Radtke and Dave Lyga to negotiate a new land lease for the Highway radio tower. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION/ACTION

Rollin Gjestvang and Steve Tidquist requested extensions for use of their vacation time. Neither employee is will be retiring 2016. John Aasen made the motion to grant the vacation extensions for Rolling Gjestvang and Steve Tidquist. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Rian Radtke informed the committee that the deed was recorded on October 6, 2015 for the land purchased from the Waldera Family to repair the corner on County Road Q. The finally costs for the land and legal paperwork was \$6,660.00.

The Highway Department received \$175,798.66 in Bridge Petitions. Ernest Vold made the motion to approve the bridge petitions for \$175,798.66. Seconded by Doug Winters. Motion Carried.

The committee was reminded of the Northwest District Highway Meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

The next Highway Meeting was set for Thursday, November 12, 2015, at 8:00 am.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Aasen at 9:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

