

Date: October 11 ,2016
Highway Committee Meeting
Location: Highway Office
Time: 8:00 AM

Meeting called to order by Chairman Aasen at 8:02 am.

Open meeting law requirements have been met.

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

Others Attending: Tom Kloss

Minutes of September 13, 2016 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept minutes by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Chairman Aasen presented an article from the Wisconsin Counties Association that states that an agenda does not need to be approved and no action is necessary at meetings. (See Attached). This process should be eliminated from meetings.

Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – September Vouchers #895 to #900 for \$972.73. October Voucher #901 thru # 968 were audited in the amount of \$332,279.74. Motion to pay Vouchers by Ernest Vold. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION

The bad spots in the Arcadia Salt Shed Lot have been repaired.

Part of the Osseo Salt Shed Lot have been repaved. The remaining part of the lot will be repaired in 2017.

EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASE

Letters have been mailed out to vendors requesting bids for two Quad Axle and one Single Axle chassis. Information will be available at the November 8, 2016 meeting.

No mowers have been located at this point. Tom Kloss will continue to look for mowers.

HIGHWAY VIEWING and MAINTENANCE DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lyga is working on the paperwork for reimbursement for Flood Damages.

The State approved more roads for funding.

Commissioner Lyga is working with Rian Radtke to negotiate a contract with the landowner where the county would like to open a shale pit (for county use only).

The land will need to be re-zoned.

There recently was legislative action to raise the weight limits for logging trucks and milk trucks. Other trucking companies are requesting that all truck limits be raised to the 98,000 pounds.

Commissioner Lyga was asked to place snow fence on County Road “FF” again this winter. When the fence was placed last winter, it took 17 rolls of fence, 140 T-Posts, 2 days of Labor to set up, Repairs in December, and Removal in Spring.

The cost to the County was \$5,260.00. The Committee discussed the snow fence in great detail and different options. The Committee decided to take No Action at this point.

PERSONNEL DISCUSSION

One employee off work (non-work related) no return date at this point.

One employee off work (work related) possible off only two weeks.

Tom Kloss discussed the updated Highway Department Personal Protection Equipment Policy Handbook. The handbook was updated to meet today's standards/requirements. Ernest Vold made the motion to adopt the new Personal Protection Equipment Policy Handbook. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Mike Nelson made the motion to authorize the office staff to attend the Bookkeepers Meeting on November 3, 2016 at Alma, hosted by Buffalo County. Motion was seconded by Curt Skoyen. Motion Carried.

Trempealeau County is hosting the Commissioner/Committee Fall District Meeting in Osseo on October 27, 2016.

The Committee reviewed the 2017 budget. The County Board approved borrowing \$1.5M with the Highway Department receiving \$1.72 M for road maintenance and repairs.

The City of Whitehall installed culverts and curb & gutter to help with the water runoff from rains and the springs in the area. The Highway Committee previously approved assisting the city with \$25,000 towards the project on County D within the city limits. The City of Whitehall asked the Highway Department for an additional \$25,000 towards the project. Curt Skoyen made the motion to only pay \$25,000 towards the County D project within the city limits. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

The Committee briefly discussed the 2017 State of Wisconsin budget in regards to funding to the county level.

Information will be presented at the November 8, 2016 meeting in regards to the easements needed to work on the bridges on Leque and Nordie Lane.

No new information to present on the County Road T Bridge over Turton Creek Right of Way. Information will be brought to November 2, 2016 meeting.

The next Highway Committee meeting will be held on November 8, 2016 with an earlier start time of 7:30 am.

Chairman Aasen adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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