

**Date: November 8, 2010**  
**Highway Committee Meeting**  
**Location: Highway office**  
**Time: 9:00 AM**

**Meeting called to order by Chairman Vold**

**Open meeting law requirements have been met.**

**Members present: Chrm. Ernest Vold, John Aasen, Rodney Severson, Mike Nelson, Tom Bice and Commissioner Johnson.**

**Members absent: None**

**Other person's attending: Dave Suchla 9 am to 9:50 am**

**Minutes of October 12, 2010 meeting were presented as drafted. Motion to accept by John Aasen. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Motion Carried.**

**Motion to accept agenda by Mike Nelson, second by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Approval of vouchers approved by audit committee – Vouchers #817 to #829 for \$157,480.79. Motion to pay by Ernest Vold second by John Aasen. Motion carried.**

**Voucher #830 thru #905 were audited in the amount of \$314,576.03. Motion to pay by John Aasen. Seconded by Rod Severson. Motion Carried.**

#### **BUILDINGS and GROUNDS DISCUSSION**

**All Buildings Maintenance has been completed for this year.**

**Commissioner Johnson contacted some other counties on how they are handling their required re-inspections of Cover-All buildings. The Corporate Counsels from these counties recommended to have the inspections done. An estimate was obtained from the company doing the inspections for the other counties. Our inspection of the Salt Shed in Galesville would be \$1900.00. Mike Nelson made the motion to table any decision for the inspection until next month's meeting. Seconded by Rod Severson. Motion Carried.**

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

**Dave Suchla addressed the committee about the need to do more highway repair and paving. Mr. Suchla addressed the issue of trying to get extra money into the Highway Maintenance Fund to do these needed repairs. Dave Suchla presented the possibility of requesting any surplus funds not used in other departments being transferred into the Highway Maintenance Fund. Commissioner Johnson was asked about costs for paving and road work per mile with out any labor costs. Dave Suchla asked if there was any state statutes that would not allow the county to sell to private parties or lease our hot mix plant to private contractors.**

**Rod Severson made the motion to investigate the possibility of the Highway Department being able to request the surplus funds be transferred to the Highway Maintenance Fund. Seconded by Mike Nelson. Before a vote was taken, Rod Severson amended his motion to add that Commissioner Johnson have \$350,000.00 (including the state LRIP portion) available, contingent on the ability to transfer \$150,000.00 from the general fund. Mike Nelson seconded the motion with the amendment. Motion Carried.**

**Commissioner Johnson presented the committee with the Winter Maintenance Guidelines to review. Mike Nelson made the motion to accept the Winter Maintenance Guidelines. Rod Severson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**The County paint crew will finish painting for Eau Claire County today. Eau Claire has asked about the possibility of doing some additional painting on their Co Rd "R".**

**Commissioner Johnson informed the committee that he will be meeting with FEMA later today. The county's estimated damages are slightly over \$140,000.00.**

#### **EQUIPMENT DISCUSSION/VIEWING/PURCHASES**

**The plow truck has been delivered.**

**The quad axle is in at Universal having equipment installed.**

#### **PERSONNEL**

**One employee off of work(Non-work related.)**

**The truck drivers' grievance appears to be done. The persons filing the grievance did not meet the required paperwork to keep grievance active.**

#### **APPEARANCES**

**Dave Walker from Strand Associated spoke to the committee about previous work done within the county. Mr. Walker handed out packets with pictures of completed work and information about their company.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**After reviewing the information, John Aasen made the motion to approve the Highway Aid Bridge Petition. Mike Nelson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**Rod Severson made the motion to accept the Special Unclassified Maintenance Agreement offered from the Wisconsin DOT for \$100,000.00. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.**

**Mike Nelson made the motion to accept the Routine Maintenance Agreement for \$1,327,700.00. John Aasen seconded the motion. Motion Carried.**

**The committee discussed the need for the Highway Department to obtain a credit card. The committee felt a \$5,000.00 limit would be appropriate. John Aasen made the motion to allow the Highway Department to obtain a credit card. Seconded by Tom Bice. Motion Carried.**

**John Aasen made the motion to allow Commissioner Johnson and the Highway Committee to attend the Winter Highway Conference January 10-12, 2011. Seconded by Ernest Vold. Motion Carried.**

**The next audit meeting will be held on December 14, 2010 at the Highway Office in Whitehall at 9:00 am.**

**Mike Nelson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 am. Seconded by John Aasen. Motion Carried.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rodney Severson, Secretary  
Trempealeau County Highway Department**

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