

## **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, April 9, 2014

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Jeffrey Zalewski

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeffrey Zalewski, Arlene Bonacci, Richard Hurlbert, Rick Bina and William Bostwick.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Erik Rantala, Forestry Department, Jack Yates, Henry G. Meigs, L.L.C., Nick Scholtes, Corre, Inc., County Board Chairman Dave Solin and Pete Pennington.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zalewski at 7:30 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Nick Scholtes, from Corre, Inc. introduced himself to the Highway Committee and informed them about the services his company provides.

### **APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:**

Chairman Zalewski asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Bina, second by Bostwick, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:**

Routine maintenance and repairs continue in the shop. Seasonal maintenance on the crusher and paver has been completed. The Volvo loader #274, which we purchased as a demo model in 2012, has had coolant/head/gasket problems- the engine was replaced under warranty by the dealer, Aring Equipment Co., Inc. International trucks #8 and #9 continue to have regeneration system problems, which we are trying to resolve with Navistar. Proposals will be sent out for the purchase of one patrol truck and one quad axle truck with proposals due by May 1. We will be going over plow trucks for repairs and preventive maintenance before putting them away for the summer.

### **DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:**

Plowing and sanding are being done as necessary. We have been ditching and thawing culverts for the spring thaw. We have been doing routine patching and brushing as time and weather allow. Weight limits were posted on roads on March 27, 2014. The crushing equipment will be moved and set up in the Doucette Pit in preparation for crushing.

The March budget report was distributed.

### **DISCUSS SUPPORT/FUNDING FOR CTH "T" AND CTH "TT":**

Dave Solin explained to the Committee that he has been receiving calls from loggers regarding CTH "TT" being posted during the spring thaw. This is a major road for loggers to haul on and during the spring thaw they have to take an alternate route which is a bit longer. Erik Rantala from the Forestry Department said this is an important segment of road, not only for hauling logs but also for moving equipment, etc. Commissioner Rusch explained that CTH "TT" has a poor base and steep ditches- two years ago the pavement completely failed; we performed a pulverization and overlay to get it into passable condition. With the heavy traffic and poor base of the road, the road will likely require major maintenance every year or two, which the County-wide maintenance budget can't support. To upgrade the road for the heavy traffic, and to eliminate spring posting, would require a complete rebuild or relocation at a multi-million dollar cost. Solin said he would like to get the support of the Highway Committee, Forestry Committee, Forest County, and local industry to look

into alternatives for funding of repairs or reconstruction. Solin and Rantala will discuss with the Forestry Committee, Forest County, and local industries and will bring more ideas back to the Highway Committee at a later date.

**AT 8:00 A.M., OPEN QUOTATIONS FOR ASPHALT OIL:**

Calumet Superior, LLC.	PG 58-28	<b>\$530.00/TON</b>
Flint Hills Resources	PG 58-28	\$563.00/TON
Henry G. Meigs, Inc.	PG 58-28	\$575.00/TON

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to accept the low quote for asphalt oil from Calumet Superior, LLC. and allow the other two companies until 4/21/14 to meet the low quote in writing. As in the past, if the other two asphalt oil vendors meet the low quote in writing, the low quote vendor will receive ½ of the County's asphalt oil needs, and the other ½ will be split between the other two vendors, if they meet low quote. If only one other vendor meets the low quote, they will receive ¼ of the asphalt needs and the low quote vendor will receive ¾ of the County's asphalt needs. If none of the other vendors meet the low quote, the low quote vendor will receive all of the County's asphalt oil needs. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE LFA AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM PATCHING WORK ON USH 45:**

Motion by Bostwick, second by Bonacci, to approve and sign the Local Force Account (LFA) agreement with the DOT for patching work on USH "45" for \$ 35,000.00. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS/APPROVE LFA AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PERFORM PATCHING WORK ON STH 52/64:**

Motion by Bina, second by Bostwick, to approve and sign the Local Force Account (LFA) agreement with the DOT for patching work on STH "52/64" for \$ 55,000.00. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST 4/25/14:**

At the March 12, 2014 Highway meeting, up to three Committee members and the Commissioner were approved to attend the Legislative Breakfast on April 25, 2014. After the County Board reorganization next week, Commissioner Rusch will contact the new Highway Chairman and the Committee to see who will attend.

**DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT WCHA SUMMER ROAD SCHOOL JUNE 2-4, 2014:**

Motion by Bina, second by Bonacci, to approve up to two Committee members and the Commissioner to attend the WCHA Summer Road School in Wisconsin Dells on June 2-4, 2014. Motion carried. After the County Board reorganization next week Commissioner Rusch will contact the new Highway Chairman and the Committee to see who will attend.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Bonacci, second by Hurlbert, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary