

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, December 10, 2014

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: William Bostwick

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Bostwick, Richard Hurlbert, Arlene Bonacci, Jim Jansen and Pete Pennington.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Office Manager Wells, Corporation Counsel Stowe and County Board Chairman Dave Solin.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Bostwick asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to approve the amended agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Routine maintenance continues in the shop as needed. Seasonal maintenance is being done on the crusher, dump trucks, hot mix plant and paint truck. We had the fire alarm system checked out after there was a false alarm on Thanksgiving Day; one of the thirty sensors was found to be corroded and will be replaced. New dump truck #140 has arrived and is receiving final check-out. Replacement International plow trucks, #28 and #29, are expected to arrive within the next week.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Plowing and sanding are being done as needed - approximately 14 days in November; brushing is being done as weather allows. We provided the surge bin, salt auger, and one employee to assist Forest County making salt/sand. We are making firewood as needed and as time allows. The November budget report was distributed.

J. W. MATTEK & SONS, INC. ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2015 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT:

This is an annual request. Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to approve the 2015 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for J. W. Mattek and Sons, Inc., and send the required letter to the DOT. Motion carried.

DISCUSS TOWN OF WOLF RIVER BRIDGE AID PAYMENT:

Last year the Town of Wolf River petitioned for bridge aid for replacement of a bridge on East Hollister Road which was approved and budgeted for 2015 County bridge aid (50/50 funding). The contractor has completed the project except for the paving. The Town of Wolf River requested to remove the paving from the matching funds request, and would like to close out the project in 2014 and receive reimbursement for the County's portion. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to prepay \$44,877.00 (one-half of the project cost) to the Town of Wolf River for 2015 bridge aid; this is a one time and final payment for the bridge aid for the East Hollister Road project to the Town of Wolf River. Motion carried.

DISCUSS SIGNING ON COMMISSIONER AND PATROL SUPERINTENDANT VEHICLES:

Discussion was held on signing on the Commissioner and Patrol Superintendent vehicles. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to install signing on both doors and the tailgate of the Commissioner and Patrol Superintendent pickup trucks. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ATTENDANCE AT WCHA WINTER HIGHWAY CONFERENCE JANUARY 12-14, 2015:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to approve Commissioner Rusch and Supervisor Bonacci attending the Winter WCHA Highway Conference January 12-14, 2015 in Wisconsin Dells. Motion carried.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 A.M., CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. SEC. 19.85 (1)(C) AND (F) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY, AND TO CONSIDER FINANCIAL, MEDICAL, SOCIAL OR PERSONAL HISTORIES OR DISCIPLINARY DATA OF SPECIFIC PERSONS, PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATION OF SPECIFIC PERSONNEL PROBLEMS OR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST SPECIFIC PERSONS EXCEPT WHERE PAR. (B) APPLIES WHICH, IF DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC, WOULD BE LIKELY TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECT UPON THE REPUTATION OF ANY PERSON REFERRED TO IN SUCH HISTORIES OR DATA, OR INVOLVED IN SUCH PROBLEMS OR INVESTIGATIONS, TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL ISSUES AND TO COMPLETE THE ANNUAL EVALUATION OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to move into closed session at 7:55a.m. By individual vote of the Committee; all ayes.

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:00 A.M., MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to move out of closed session at 11:35a.m. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LONG TERM PLANNING/ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:

There was no discussion on this topic.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. Motion carried. The meeting was over four hours.

Arlene Bonacci, Secretary