

## HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, February 8, 2012

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Eugene Kamps

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eugene Kamps, Arlene Bonacci, James Jansen and Jeff Zalewski.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Hurlbert.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Office Manager Wells and various vendors.

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

### APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Kamps asked for additions to the agenda. Commissioner Rusch requested the addition of discussion and possible action on a used wheel loader. Motion by Jansen, second by Zalewski, to approve the agenda with the amendment of the wheel loader discussion/action to be placed last on the agenda and considered after a 2 hour waiting period. Motion carried.

Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to excuse Richard Hurlbert who is out of town. Motion carried.

### CONSIDER EMPLOYEE REQUEST TO WAIVE HIGHWAY POLICY #92-1:

New employee, Brock Zupon appeared before the Committee to request to use unpaid leave for 09/10/12 - 09/14/12 for his wedding and honeymoon; and 10/31/12 - 11/7/12 for a hunting trip. Both of these events were planned prior to his hire date. Policy #92-1 requires Highway union employees to turn in 40 hours per week of time worked and leave time. Brock does have 8 hours of personal holiday available. Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to waive Highway Policy

#92-1 and allow Brock Zupon to have unpaid leave for the dates listed above, with the stipulation that he utilize his 8 hours of personal holiday during those leaves; 80 hours of unpaid leave. Motion carried.

### AT 7:35 A.M., OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1) NEW 44,000 GVW TRUCK CHASSIS AND ONE (1) DUMP BODY AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FOR 44,000 GVW TRUCK:

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>44,000 GVW TRUCK CHASSIS</u>			
	<u>MAKE/MODEL</u>	<u>MasterCard Accepted?</u>	<u>Net Price No trade- In</u>	<u>Net Price With trade-In</u>
Quinlan's Equipment, Inc. Antigo, WI	International 7400SFA	N	\$ 80,819.42	\$ 76,319.42
Western Star Quality Truck Care De Pere, WI	Western Star * 4700	N	\$ 95,102.00	\$ 87,602.00

**\*DOES NOT MEET SPEC**

### DUMP BODY AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FOR 44,000 GVW TRUCK

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>MasterCard</u>	<u>OPTION 1 NET PRICE</u>	<u>OPTION 2 NET PRICE</u>
Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc.	Galion *	Y + 3%	\$ 27,466.00	\$ 30,913.00

Marshfield, WI	400U				<b>* DOES NOT MEET SPEC</b>
Monroe Truck Equipment, Inc. Marshfield, WI	Crysteel Select	Y + 3%	\$	27,882.00	\$ 31,231.00
Central Wisconsin Body & Hoist Schofield, WI	Henderson Mark E	N	\$	28,779.00	\$ 31,498.00
Casper's Truck Equipment Appleton, WI	Henderson Mark E	N	\$	28,997.00	\$ 31,760.00

The Shop Foreman will review the bids and return later in the meeting to discuss them with the Committee.

**REVIEW DISBURSEMENTS:**

Vouchers #29 - #92 were reviewed. Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to approve the January, 2012 voucher/procurement card disbursements, and sign the history report. Motion carried.

**DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:**

Annual maintenance continues on the crushing equipment, paint truck and quad axle trucks. We have discovered a problem with the plumbing on the hydraulics on the patrol trucks; when they are retired from the State beats and brought into service for the County beats, they do not always function correctly. It turns out the plumbing needs be re-done when they are not used with a computerized configuration. We are having an employee re-plumb these hydraulics now to rectify this situation. We have purchased a hydraulic chain saw for use with our bucket truck for \$1,218.25.

**DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:**

We are plowing and sanding as necessary, and brushing with crews and the excavator/brush cutter on the County roads. As noted above, a hydraulic chain saw was purchased for use with our bucket truck, which will be utilized instead of the excavator and brush cutter for limbing tees. Not only will this look better to the traveling public; it is definitely a safer set up for our employees to use. The hydraulics were already available on the bucket truck. One of our new employees worked for Asplundh previously; he is offering good advice and expertise to the rest of our employees in the brush cutting/limbing operations. We are patching State roads. The December, 2011 final budget report was distributed.

**REPORT FROM WCHA WINTER ROAD SCHOOL:**

The conference this year was very informative. There were sessions and discussions regarding the changes in collective bargaining as the union contracts expire. Langlade County is fortunate in being able to draw upon other Counties experiences in this that have had their contracts already expire and are implementing the "tools" provided by the Budget Repair Bill. State budget discussions were also interesting and informative. The WCHA is reexamining their role and has concluded as a group they must be more involved with the legislative process.

As requested, investigation into the use of larger trucks (tandems, tri-axles and quad-axles) for plowing was conducted. There is no State-wide consensus; although these larger trucks provide more hauling capacity, the maneuverability is limited. The use of larger trucks seems to work well only in those areas with multi lane highways, wide open spaces and limited or no Town work. Counties who use them are not all utilizing them year-round. After evaluating all the information gathered, in Langlade County, due to the types of roads we plow, the municipalities we are plowing for, and the equipment money we have available for purchases, these larger trucks for plowing do not meet our specific needs and it remains cost effective and efficient for us to continue with the 44,000 GVW trucks we have been using.

**WYSOCKI PRODUCE FARM ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2012 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT:**

This is an annual request. Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to approve the 2012 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for Wysocki Produce Farm and send the required letter to the DOT. Motion carried.

**REVIEW/APPROVE TRAFFIC MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS (TMA’S) FOR DOT FOR 2012:**

Three TMA’s were reviewed for 2012 DOT work, one for pavement marking for \$355,000.00, and two for wood and aluminum signing for \$3,715.00 each. Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to approve the three 2012 TMA contracts. Motion carried.

**CONSIDER/APPROVE COMMISSIONER TRAINING, FEBRUARY 21-22, 2012:**

There will be two Commissioner trainings this year. The first one is scheduled for 2/21/12 – 2/22/12 at Three Bears Lodge near Tomah. Commissioner Rusch is requesting to attend. The registration fee is \$40 and there would be meals and lodging expenses. Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to approve Commissioner Rusch to attend the two day training on February 21-22, 2012, with reimbursement of registration, meals and lodging. Motion carried.

**OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW OF 2011 FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:**

The Office Manager gave an overview of the 2011 Financial Report of Highway Operations.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Jansen to excuse Supervisor Zalewski at 9:35 a.m. Motion carried.

**SHOP FOREMAN REVIEW OF BIDS FOR ONE (1) NEW 44,000 GVW TRUCK CHASSIS AND ONE (1) DUMP BODY AND HYDRAULIC SYSTEM FOR 44,000 GVW TRUCK:**

Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to purchase one new 44,000 GVW truck chassis from Quinlan’s Equipment, Inc. for their low bid price of \$76,319.42 with an optional Delco-Remy alternator for \$350.11 for a total of \$76,669.53. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to purchase one new stainless steel dump body and hydraulic system for the 44,000 GVW truck for the low bid that met specifications from Monroe Truck Equipment, Crysteel Select model, for \$31,231.00. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

**REVIEW QUOTATIONS FOR 44,000 GVW TRUCK ATTACHMENTS:**

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>Underbody</u>	<u>Tailgate Sander</u>	<u>Tailgate Sander</u>	<u>Wing</u>	<u>Plow</u>	<u>Plow</u>	<u>Mastercard</u>
		<u>Steel</u>	<u>Stainless Steel</u>		<u>Husting Hitch</u>	<u>Pin &amp; Loop Hitch</u>	
		<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>		<u>Option 1</u>	<u>Option 2</u>	
Universal Truck Equipment Galesville, WI	\$ 6,190.00	\$ 2,738.00	\$ 3,388.00	\$ 4,138.00	\$ 6,743.00	\$ 6,153.00	YES + 3%
Wausau Everest LP New Berlin, WI	\$ 6,667.00	NO BID	NO BID	\$ 4,499.00	NO BID	NO BID	YES
Central WI Body & Hoist Schofield, WI	NO BID	\$ 2,761.00	\$ 3,792.00	NO BID	NO BID	NO BID	YES
Monroe Truck Equipment Marshfield, WI	\$ 7,728.00	\$ 2,501.00	\$ 3,628.00	\$ 4,738.00 \$1200+ paraglide option	\$ 6,952.00	\$ 6,652.00	YES = 3%

Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to purchase the following equipment from Universal Truck Equipment for their low quoted prices: underbody scraper - \$6,190.00, stainless steel tailgate sander - \$3,388.00, wing - \$4,138.00, and plow with Husting hitch - \$6,743.00. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

**PURCHASE USED WHEEL LOADER:**

Purchase of a new loader was scheduled for 2012. While researching current estimated pricing, it was discovered that Aring Equipment Company had a 2011 Volvo L110F loader that had been on a short term lease. The machine has 240 hours on it, and the bucket has never been used. This machine is almost identical to the one we have; many of the parts are interchangeable. A new loader comparable to this would run between \$230,000 and \$250,000. This machine from Aring has a full warranty until 4/1/13. Aring is asking \$200,900.00 for it and would offer a trade-in value of \$13,000.00 for #271 loader that is a 1977 model, for a net price of \$187,900.00. The Shop Foreman, Patrol Superintendent and an equipment operator inspected the machine. When compared to the one we already own, the cab has more room, there is more glass for visibility and the machine has better lighting. The only potential drawback is the configuration of the air cleaner for the alternator. The representative in attendance from Aring Equipment Company offered to split the \$600 cost of the style air cleaner for the alternator that we would normally have in our specifications. Motion by Bonacci, second by Jansen, to purchase the used Volvo L110F loader from Aring Equipment Company, for \$187,900.00 with trade-in and an additional \$300.00 for installation of the air cleaner for the alternator for a total of \$188,200.00. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Motion by Bonacci, second by Jansen, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried.

for Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary