

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Richard H. Hurlbert

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard H. Hurlbert, Arlene Bonacci, James R. Jansen, Pete Pennington and Larry Poltrock.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Braun, Patrol Superintendent Thom and Supervisor Novak.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Hurlbert asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Pennington, second by Jansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Jansen, second by Poltrock, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS FOR ITEMS TO BE ADDED TO FUTURE MEETING AGENDAS:

Supervisor Novak questioned Commissioner Braun how many times County ditches would be mowed. This will be added to the July agenda. Commissioner Braun requested Corporation Counsel Stowe and Human Resource Director Resch attend the July meeting to review the County's Code of Conduct and Chain of Command within the Highway Department and review with the Highway Committee.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Report is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve machinery, shop and repairs report. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Report is attached to these minutes.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Pennington, to approve Highway operations report. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT UPDATE:

There was no update at this time.

APPROVE DISCRETIONARY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT (DMA) WITH THE WI DOT FOR BRIDGE SEALING – PROJECT# 0034-74-22.

Motion by Pennington, second by Poltrock, to approve the Discretionary Maintenance Agreement (DMA) with the WI DOT for bridge sealing project# 0034-74-22 in the amount of \$15,000. and sign three copies of the agreement. Motion carried.

DISCUSS SIGNAGE OF ATV/UTV CROSSING AT INTERSECTION OF USH “45” AND CTH “J”.

Commissioner Braun contacted the WisDOT and asked if any signs would be installed on USH 45 for the ATV/UTV crossing at CTH J. Commissioner Braun was informed by the DOT that they will evaluate the crossing at this intersection; however, they will only install ATV/UTV crossing signs where there is a lack of sight distance. Commissioner Braun informed the Committee, that it is unlikely that the DOT will install any signs as he did not feel there is a sight distance issue at this intersection. Commissioner Braun asked the Committee if they wanted to install any signs on CTH J warning of the busy intersection/crossing at USH 45. Pennington stated that he rides on many ATV/UTV routes throughout the State and he has never seen any advance warning signs at highway crossings. Following a brief discussion it was decided by the Committee that no additional warning signs would be placed on CTH J at this time. After the CTH J route opens, if it is determined that warning signs would be helpful, they will be installed.

DISCUSS WIDOT RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO LANGLADE COUNTY RURAL FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM, WITH POSSIBLE ACTION.

Every ten years WI DOT reviews the Rural Functional Classification System of County roads within the State and develops a list of recommended changes to this system. These recommendations are based on items such as population center connections, land uses, spacing needs and traffic counts. Commissioner Braun reviewed WI DOT’s list of proposed changes within Langlade County. The total miles of roads that are classified as major collectors are used to determine funding for the STP Rural program. If this mileage is reduced, the County qualifies for less funding under this program. Commissioner Braun is working with WI DOT to keep as many miles as major collectors in the system as possible and will receive an amended list of recommendations to bring back to the Highway Committee at a future meeting for approval.

APPROVE TRANSFER OF LRIP PROJECT #13416 FROM CTH “T” BRIDGE TO CTH “M” BRIDGE. (CTH “T” IS STP ELIGIBLE).

Motion by Pennington, second by Poltrock, to approve the transfer of funding of LRIP project #13416 from CTH “T” bridge to CTH “M” bridge. Motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 a.m. Motion carried.

James R. Jansen, Secretary

Machinery Shop and repairs:

#590 tar kettle: repair wand and replace tires
#86 patrol truck: new exhaust, rebuilt hydraulic valve bank
#158 semi tractor: replace gage cluster
#402m, 408sm, 408rm mowers: Preventative Maintenance(PM), change blades
#202,208 Tractors: PM
#43A breaker: change toggle plate, starter
#43 low-boy trailer: replace brakes
#33 grader: rebuild hydraulic cylinder on circle shop
#456 jammer/loader: replaced bearings/seals on grapple
#56 asphalt plant: dryer shell replaced, AC metering pump installed, calibrating today

Highway operations:

Line painting on CTH C, A and State Highways
CTH I project underway with all asphalt removed, culvert pipes replaced, riprap installed.
Repaired catch basin on STH 45 in Elcho
Crushing aggregate for asphalt production and stockpiling at plant.
Pothole patching State, County and town roads.
Shaping gravel roads for townships
Ditching CTH T, CTH I, STH 45
Cleaning bridges
Cleaning up windfalls.
Pulled shoulders up on CTH HH, Y, G.
Completed crack sealing on portions of STH 64, 47, 52