

## **HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT**

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Eugene Kamps

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Office Manager Wells and Shop Foreman Heise.

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. There were none. Motion by Jansen, second by Hurlbert, to approve the amended agenda as presented, and approve the minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting. Motion carried.

### **REVIEW DISBURSEMENTS:**

Vouchers #93 - #180 were reviewed. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to approve the February, 2012 voucher/procurement card disbursements, and sign the history report. Motion carried.

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

The new Volvo loader is in service. We did not have to purchase the installation of the air cleaner for the alternator for an additional \$300.00, due to the fact the alternator system has been redesigned when compared to the Volvo loader we already had in our fleet, to prevent dust from getting to the alternator. #77 patrol truck's box sills have rotted, the rest of the box is ok so we are rebuilding the box sills in the shop. The annual maintenance on the crushing equipment should finish today. The new air compressor system for the plant has been delivered and will be installed as a part of the annual maintenance, prior to start-up. Annual maintenance continues on the quad axle trucks. The annual maintenance will start on the rollers tomorrow. We have done painting in the shop, break room and bathroom; this has not been done for several years, and brightened up those areas considerably.

### **DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:**

With the great variations in the weather, we have been plowing and sanding as necessary, and also ditching and relieving high water and drainage from the spring thaw. Weight limits were put on Langlade County roads on 3/7/12. We are brushing and patching roads. The February budget report was distributed.

### **TED BAGINSKI & SONS, INC. ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2012 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT AND RATIFY CHAIRMAN'S DECISION TO APPROVE A 2012 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT FOR SCHROEDER BROTHERS FARMS, INC:**

These are annual requests. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Zalewski, to approve the 2012 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for Ted Baginski and Sons, Inc. and ratify the Chairman's approval of the 2012 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for Schroeder Brothers Farms, Inc., and send the required letters to the DOT. Motion carried.

### **DISCUSS AGRICULTURE ENCROACHMENT ON RIGHT OF WAY:**

Each year complaints are received regarding farming or pasturing in the right of way. There are also annual complaints regarding debris left on the roads after harvesting. The Corporation Counsel suggests we place an advertisement in the

newspaper, prior to the beginning of the productive farming season. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to place an advertisement in the Antigo Daily Journal, in early April each year, reminding all Langlade County citizens about the hazards of right of way encroachment and debris left on the highways, to include citing of the related State Statutes. Motion carried. The Commissioner will work with the Corporation Counsel to develop the annual advertisement.

**AT 8:00 A.M. OPEN BIDS FOR ONE (1) 2012 – ½ TON – 4-WHEEL DRIVE – 4 DOOR – FULL SIZE CREW CAB SHORT BOX PICKUP TRUCK:**

			<u>Mastercard?</u>	<u>No Trade-in</u>	<u>With Trade-in</u>	
BRICKNERS OF ANTIGO ANTIGO, WI	Dodge Ram 1500	N	\$	23,701.50	\$ 22,201.50	*DID NOT MEET SPECS (rear window defogger)
QUINLAN'S EQUIPMENT ANTIGO, WI	GMC Sierra	N	\$	29,000.00	\$ 27,200.00	
BOB FISH BUICK-GMC, INC. WEST BEND, WI	GMC TK10543	N	\$	25,493.65	<b>\$ 22,873.65</b>	
EWALD CHEVROLET BUICK, INC OCONTOMOWOC, WI	Chevrolet Silverado	N	\$	26,389.00	\$ 24,889.00	
EWALD'S HARTFORD FORD LINCOLN MERCURY, LLC. HARTFORD, WI	Ford F150	N	\$	25,670.00	\$ 24,170.00	*DID NOT MEET SPECS (5.0 L motor)
LANGLADE, FORD, MERCURY ANTIGO, WI	Ford F150	N	\$	27,721.00	\$ 26,521.00	*DID NOT MEET SPECS (5.0 L motor)

**DISCUSS 2012 PAVING SCHEDULE:**

The 2012 tentative paving schedule was distributed. There is \$922,256 budgeted for 2012 for paving and \$90,000 for crack sealing. There is money available from the past few winter seasons. The paving schedule distributed includes 15.5 miles of paving and there are roads that are prime candidates for crack sealing to extend their useful life. It is the plan to spend a portion of the accumulated winter maintenance money on additional paving and crack sealing in 2012.

**DISCUSS APRIL 20, 2012 LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST:**

Motion by Zalewski, second by Bonacci, to approve three Committee members and the Commissioner to attend the Legislative Breakfast, registration fees of \$20 per person. Motion carried. Due to the County Board reorganization at about the same time, Committee members to attend will be finalized later. If three Committee members cannot attend, Highway employees will take their place at the Legislative Breakfast.

**CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STATS. SEC. 19.85 (1)(C) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENT BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY, TO DISCUSS THE STAFFING:**

Motion by Jansen, second by Zalewski, to move into closed session at 9:00 a.m. By individual vote of the Committee, all ayes.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ITEMS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:**

Motion by Zalewski, second by Bonacci, to move out of closed session at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

There are three anticipated retirements in 2012, all within the shop operations. Preliminary evaluation of the replacement of those positions resulted in a recognition that there may be an opportunity to reorganize the entire shop operation area for increased efficiency. A plan for reorganization was developed, but due to timing and adherence to the current union contract, there are some unknown variables that may affect the outcome of the plan. It is believed the key to implementing the plan is to take the opportunity of reorganization at the time of the first retirement, regardless of which position is vacated first.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Zalewski, to take the written shop reorganization plan, including the unknown variables, to the Personnel and Executive Committees and if approved, to the County Board, to establish a new position of Shop Superintendant, in accordance with the shop reorganization plan outlined in closed session, with the intent to fill that position prior to the retirement of the Shop Foreman. Motion carried.

**SHOP FOREMAN REVIEW OF BIDS FOR ONE (1) 2012 – ½ TON – 4-WHEEL DRIVE – 4 DOOR – FULL SIZE CREW CAB SHORT BOX PICKUP TRUCK:**

When the Shop Foreman reviewed the bids, Brickner's did not meet specs due to the fact that a rear window defogger was not available. The two bids for Ford trucks did not meet specs due to the fact the motors did not meet the minimum displacement. Motion by Bonacci, second by Jansen, to purchase the low bid that met specs from Bob Fish Buick-GMC, Inc. for \$22,873.65 with trade-in. By individual vote of the Committee, two ayes, three nays (Hurlbert, Zalewski and Kamps), motion failed.

Discussion followed. The rear window defogger is a safety issue, visibility is critical for the Commissioner when patrolling roads in all types of weather. There is an aftermarket rear window defogger available for around \$50 plus installation; the installation would require modification of the new vehicle for wiring, and the unit is a "stick on" type.

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**ADJOURN MEETING:**

Due to a conflict with the Executive Committee meeting, the next Highway Committee meeting will be April 11, 2012 at **10:30 a.m.**

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

Richard H. Hurlbert, Secretary