

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, March 4, 2015

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, Office Manager Wells, Shop Superintendent Moyle, County Board Chairmen Solin, Corporation Counsel Stowe and Joe Novak

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 Bonacci, second by Jansen, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Routine maintenance and repairs continue in the shop. A new radiator was installed on #33 grader. Truck #84 has several repair needs, including engine replacement- instead of undertaking those expensive repairs, we will salvage parts and equipment, and later scrap the rest. Truck #83 will be designated as one of our trade-ins due to its condition and age. Truck #81 recently dropped a valve, damaging a piston- Shop Superintendent Moyle is preparing cost estimates for making a repair or trade-in decision. Shop Superintendent Moyle found a used remanufactured diesel engine for the breaker, we are in the process are switching parts from the old breaker engine to the new one. Seasonal and preventative maintenance continues on the paving/shouldering equipment, paint truck, hot mix plant and was completed on the crushing equipment. Quotes will be prepared for two (2) patrol trucks, one (1) crew truck and a replacement mower.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Plowing and sanding continues as needed - we were out 14 days in February. Pothole patching and brushing are being performed as time and weather allow. We are winging back banks, ditching, and cleaning bridges to remove drifting from recent winds, and in anticipation of the spring thaw. We were low on salt/sand so more was made on March 2.

WYSOCKI PRODUCE FARMS ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2015 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT:

This is an annual request. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Jansen, to approve the 2015 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for Wsocki Produce Farm, and send the required letter to the DOT. Motion carried.

SCHROEDER BROS. FARMS, INC. ANNUAL REQUEST FOR 2015 OVERWEIGHT SEED POTATO PERMIT:

This is an annual request. Motion by Hurlbert, second by Jansen, to approve the 2015 Overweight Seed Potato Permit for Schroeder Bros. Farms, Inc, and send the required letter to the DOT. Motion carried.

APPROVE LFA CONTRACT FOR COUNTY TO PERFORM MAINTENANCE PROJECT ON USH 45 NORTH FOR DOT:

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve and sign the Local Force Account (LFA) contract with the DOT to perform a maintenance project on USH "45" North for \$ 73,000.00. Motion carried.

OFFICE MANAGER TO PRESENT THE 2014 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Office Manager Wells reviewed the 2014 Financial Report of Highway Operations with the Committee. This was for informational purposes only.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M., 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 STAFF AND STAFFING:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Bonacci, to move into closed session at 8:55 a.m. By individual vote of the Committee; all ayes.

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M., MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Bostwick, second by Bonacci, to move out of closed session at 9:57 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to approve filling the vacancy due to the resignation of a mechanic. Motion carried.

Motion by Pennington, second Bonacci, to withhold the amount due as receivable from the final check of the mechanic leaving County employment. Motion carried.

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve filling the openings for Highway Commissioner and Patrol Superintendent/Assistant Commissioner created by recent retirement announcements, and begin advertising the opportunities as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

DISCUSS LONG TERM PLANNING/ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:

There was no discussion on this topic.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Motion carried.

Arlene Bonacci, Secretary