

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, November 11, 2015

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Michael P. Klimoski

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael P. Klimoski, Richard Hurlbert, Arlene Bonacci, Jim Jansen and Pete Pennington.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Braun, Patrol Superintendent Thom, Director of Facilities Heuss, Human Resource Director Weitz, Corporation Counsel Stowe, Forest Administrator Rantala, Pete Resch, Richard Guenther, Rick Parilek, and John Andraschko.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Klimoski asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Jansen, second by Pennington, to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Routine maintenance on patrol trucks and equipment continues. #85 patrol truck had a rebuilt hydraulic pump, new springs and a dump box cylinder installed. The plow frames on #73P and #91P were repaired. A new radiator in truck #76 was installed under warranty. Wings and sanders are being installed on plow trucks. Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to approve the machinery, shop and repairs report. Motion carried.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Crack sealing continues on County roads, CTH's "D", "C", "T" and "U" have been completed. Shoulder work is being done on County roads; we are pulling up and adding material in some areas. Snow fence posts are being installed on State highways. Pavement marking has been completed for the year. Bridge inspections have been completed and submitted to the DOT. We have been mixing salt/sand for winter and the State salt sheds in Antigo and Lily have been filled. New signs have been installed on portions of STH "64". We are patrolling roads for Towns and mowing on USH "45" north. Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to approve the highway operations report. Motion carried. The October budget report was distributed.

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY BUILDING RENOVATIONS/ADA COMPLIANCE:

Discussion was had on the proposed Highway Department renovations. Nate Heuss, Director of Facilities discussed improvements that would be made to the north building roof that is leaking and accessibility improvements to the Highway office building and the possibility of using CIP funding for improvements. Highway Chairman Klimoski would like Nate to get a price quote on two different roof options on the north building that is leaking and bring them back to the December meeting.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M., CONSIDER MOVING INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 19.85 (1) (C) OF WISCONSIN STATUTES TO REVIEW APPLICATIONS FOR THE HIGHWAY WORKER ELIGIBILITY LIST:

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

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:30 A.M., RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY MATTER DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Pennington, to move out of closed session at 9:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Jansen, second by Hurlbert, to offer interviews to applicants discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

CORPORATION COUNSEL TO DISCUSS ATV ROUTE ORDINANCE, POLICY AND LIABILITY:

Corporation Counsel Stowe discussed with the Committee the ATV route ordinance, policy and liability. The County's insurance company recommends not opening ATV routes on County roads as recreational immunity may not apply. The "blanket" approach of opening all County roads is not recommended due to the fact it is creating a new transportation system. The measured approach (approving each route individually) is the DNR's original route intent.

REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE ATV ROUTE ORDINANCE, POLICY AND APPLICATION:

The Highway Commissioner, Forest Administrator and Corporation Counsel will work on revisions to Ordinance 7.13, ATV Policy and application forms.

AT 10:00 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.13 (5) TRAFFIC CODE, TO CONSIDER ADOPTING SUBSECTION (C), TO SPECIFY THOSE COUNTY ROADS ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED AS DESIGNATED ATV ROUTES:

Motion by Pennington, second by Hurlbert, to open the Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried

AT APPROXIMATELY 10:30 A.M., CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW PUBLIC INPUT TO DETERMINE IF COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.13 (5) TRAFFIC CODE, BE REVISED TO ADOPT SUBSECTION (C), TO SPECIFY THOSE COUNTY ROADS ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED AS DESIGNATED ATV ROUTES:

RickParilek asked to discuss ATV routes further. Pete Resch appreciates the involvement and effort of the Highway Department.

Motion by Pennington, second by Jansen, to close the Public Hearing at 10:14 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to approve the existing fourteen ATV routes and amend Ordinance 7.13 (5), adding subsection (c) to specify the existing established and approved ATV routes. Motion carried.

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to excuse Supervisor Hurlbert at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

ATV ROUTE REQUEST FOR CTH "DD" BY WOLF RIVER RIDERS ATV CLUB:

At the October Highway meeting, Wolf River Riders ATV Club submitted a request for an ATV route on CTH "DD" from the Forest County Line to STH "55". The Committee recommended Mr. Andraschko talk with Town of Langlade for approval and WIDOT for permission to cross STH "55". After discussion, motion by Bonacci to approve Wolf River Riders ATV Club route request on CTH "DD" from the Forest County Line to STH "55". Motion failed for lack of a second. Motion by Jansen, second by Pennington, to deny the ATV route on CTH "DD". By individual vote of the Committee 3 ayes, 1 nay (Bonacci). Motion carried.

ATV ROUTE REQUEST FOR CTH “B” BY PARRISH HIGHLANDER ATV CLUB:

This item was tabled.

ATV ROUTE REQUEST FOR CTH “J” BY WOLF RIVER RIDERS ATV CLUB:

This item was tabled.

ATV ROUTE REQUEST FOR CTH “A” BY WOLF RIVER RIDERS ATV CLUB:

This item was tabled.

ATV ROUTE REQUEST FOR CTH “Q” BY PARRISH HIGHLANDERS ATV CLUB:

Motion by Pennington, second by Jansen, to deny ATV route request on CTH “Q”. Motion carried.

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

There were no public comments.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Pennington, to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Arlene Bonacci, Secretary