

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, October 21, 2015

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: Michael P. Klimoski

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Richard Hurlbert.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Braun, Joe Novak, Dick Burby, Bill Meverden 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.

AT 7:30 A.M. – PUBLIC HEARING TO SOLICIT PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE AMENDMENT OF COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.03 (3) TRAFFIC CODE, TO CONSIDER EXTENDING THE 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CTH “K” IN POST LAKE, 1,330 FEET:

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 am. Motion carried. Dick Burby and Joe Novak spoke in favor of extending the 35 MPH speed limit on CTH “K” in Post Lake, 1,330’.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 A.M., CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING AND REVIEW PUBLIC INPUT TO DETERMINE IF COUNTY ORDINANCE 7.03 (3) TRAFFIC CODE SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED FOR REVISION TO EXTEND THE 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON CTH “K” IN POST LAKE, 1,330 FEET :

Motion by Pennington, second by Jansen, to close the Public Hearing at 7:40 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve the revision of County Ordinance 7.03 (3) Traffic Code to extend the 35 MPH speed limit on CTH “K” in Post Lake, 1,330’ and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

APPROVE AGENDA/AMENDED MINUTES:

Chairman Klimoski asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve the agenda as presented and excuse Supervisor Hurlbert. Motion carried. Motion by Jansen, second by Bonacci, to approve the amended minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting to include Don Moyle as present at the meeting. Motion carried.

APPROVE ENGINEERING CONTRACT FOR CTH “B” STP BRIDGE PROGRAM:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Pennington, to approve the engineering contract for the CTH “B” STP Bridge program with CORRE, Inc. for a total of \$46,640.51. Motion carried.

APPROVE 2016 ROUTINE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS (RMA’S) WITH WIDOT (JEFF HESS):

Jeff Hess, WIDOT, presented the 2016 Routine Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$946,000.00. Discussion, questions and answers followed. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve the 2016 State Maintenance Agreement, and sign three copies of the agreement. Motion carried.

ANNUAL ATV ROUTE REVIEW:

The Commissioner reviewed the current ATV routes and reported they are all in good shape except for .7 miles on CTH "H", between Pine Drive and River Road which needs shoulder work. Commissioner Braun stated he would like to repair the shoulder on CTH "H" with recycled blacktop.

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

Wolf River Riders ATV Club submitted a request for an ATV route on CTH "DD" from the Forest County Line to STH "55". Commissioner Braun stated he has some visibility concerns on the corners and the WIDOT will not allow crossing a State Highway to get to a business if the trail route ends there. The Committee recommended Mr. Andraschko talk with Town of Langlade to get approval and WIDOT to get permission to cross STH "55" then contact Commissioner Braun to be placed on Highway agenda.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Preventative maintenance continues on patrol trucks as time allows, 90% of the trucks have been completed. The new one ton crew cab truck has been completed (#102). The shop scale repair has been completed and is in operation. #81 patrol truck had a new engine installed and #85, #17, #16 and #15 patrol trucks all had new springs installed. #168 bucket truck had new kingpins installed and we changed out the underbody plow on #78. The hydraulic valve bank on #88 has been changed. A new power steering pump and gear box on #2 has been installed under warranty. Installation of the new radios in the dump trucks and trucks #90 and #102 has been completed.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Crushing has been completed for the year and the crusher has been moved back to the shop. Paving has been completed for the year. Bridge inspections have been completed and the bridge reports are being completed. We are crack sealing on Town and County roads. Pavement marking continues. The LRIP meeting was held with the Towns and we are waiting on the submittals. The Commissioner and Patrol Superintendent are rating roads for the WIDOT WISLR program. The mill and fill project on USH "45" and STH "64" has been completed. The September budget report was distributed.

ATTENDANCE FOR THE 2016 WCHA WINTER ROAD SCHOOL, JANUARY 18-20, 2016:

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve Commissioner Braun and Supervisor Bonacci to attend the Winter WCHA Highway Conference January 18-20, 2016 in Wisconsin Dells. Motion carried.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL PROMOTION OF EMPLOYEE TO WELDER POSITION:

With the retirement of an employee who was the County's welder, employee Chris Carley has been doing the welding job. Commissioner Braun would like to promote Chris Carley from Highway Worker to the Welder position. Motion by Jansen, second by Pennington, to approve the promotion of Chris Carley from the Highway Worker position to the Welding position effective 10/26/15. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ESTABLISHING A NEW EMPLOYEE ELIGIBILITY LIST:

Three people have been hired off the existing eligibility list. With potential retirements in the future, Commissioner Braun would like to advertise for employment to establish a new eligibility list to keep our minimal staffing level at 28 hourly employees. Applications will be reviewed at the November 11, 2015 Highway Committee meeting and interviews will be performed on November 18, 2015.

DISCUSS POTENTIAL OF "PIGGYBACKING" 2016 PATROL TRUCK PURCHASE ON 2015 BID AWARDS:

In April, 2015 the County had purchased two new 48,000 GVW truck chassis from Truck Country for \$96,488.00 each. Commissioner Braun has talked to Truck Country regarding purchasing another 48,000 GVW truck for the same price and Truck Country will honor that price. The low bidder (Truck Equipment, Inc.) for the box and snow removal equipment

installation will also honor the same price of \$76,457.00 for a State truck. Motion by Pennington, second by Jansen, to purchase one new 48,000 GVW truck chassis from Truck Country at the 2015 price of \$96,488.00 and the box and snow removal equipment from Truck Country, Inc. for \$76,457.00 for a total of \$172,945.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Bonacci, second by Pennington, to approve any Highway Committee member that would like to attend the Legislative Breakfast at the Hoffman House in Wausau, WI on October 23, 2015 may attend and also receive per diem. Motion carried.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Jansen, second by Pennington, to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 a.m. Motion carried.

Arlene Bonacci, Secretary