

August 7, 2015 Highway Committee Meeting

Chairman Flease called the meeting of the Waupaca County Highway Committee to order at 9 a.m. in the Waupaca County Highway office. Open meeting statement was noted.

Members present – Chairman Flease, Supervisors Jonely, Aasen, Much, and McClone.

Also present Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist; and Dean Steingraber, Highway Commissioner.

**MOTION Jonely/McClone to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2015 regular Committee Meeting. Carried without a negative vote.**

**MOTION McClone/Much to approve the August 7, 2015 meeting agenda of the Highway Committee. Carried without a negative vote.**

The committee welcomed Dennis Lichtenberg for his appointment. Mr. Lichtenberg brought with him residents that supported his request to the committee regarding the 2016 CTH I project. Mr. Lichtenberg noted that the current project scope was paving without reconstruction or widening of the current road. They felt that the width of the road was not adequate and that if an additional 2 to 3 foot paved shoulders could be added, then residents would be able to use it to get to businesses along USH 45 in the City Limits of Clintonville. Mr. Lichtenberg stated that a future bike trail along the old Rail Road bed about 9/10 of a mile in from the USH 45 intersection would add more traffic to this section of the road in the future as well. He questioned the committee as to why some roads are reconstructed over other roads, and why this section of County Highway was more narrow than others that he had measured. Also noted was the increase in traffic during the strawberry picking season due to a local business off of CTH I. Support letters from other residents not at the meeting were also read. He asked what other projects the committee felt could be set back in order to put additional money to this project if the budget is what was not allowing this. He noted traffic counts on the section of CTH I compared to other County Highways that have and will be reconstructed. The committee noted concerns with widening the pavement without additional land purchases due to steeper ditches as well as without an actual biking trail that is normally 10 feet wide, additional paved shoulders are still not safe for bike travel. The committee said that they would take all the comments under consideration.

The Committee members reviewed one (1) bill batch dated July 29, 2015. **MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the bill batches as presented. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber distributed and the Commissioner's Report which included:

- Calendar dates that involve the Committee
- Department projects
- Financial reports

Mr. Steingraber reviewed the 2016 Equipment Budget of \$1,170,000 with the committee and recommended that the committee approve. **MOTION Aasen/Jonely to approve the 2016 Equipment Budget of \$1,170,000. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber asked the committee to accept the resignation of Mike Krueger effective August 31, 2015. **MOTION Aasen/Jonely to accept the resignation of Mike Krueger effective August 31, 2015. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber requested approval to advertise for the Equipment Operator eligibility list. **MOTION Much/McClone to advertise for the Equipment Operator eligibility list. Carried without a negative vote.**

**MOTION Jonely/McClone to adjourn at 12:10 p.m. Carried without a negative vote.**

Jill Lodewegen  
Highway Office Specialist