

October 30, 2015 Highway Committee Meeting

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

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

Also present – Robert Jr. and Joanne Rasmussen; Jeff Hess, Wisconsin Department of Transportation; Diane Meulemans, Waupaca County Corporation Counsel; Dean Steingraber, Highway Commissioner and Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist

MOTION McClone/Jonely to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2015 regular Committee Meeting, the October 7 and 14, 2015 Fall Meeting Minutes and the October 23, 2015 Legislative Breakfast minutes. Carried without a negative vote.

MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the October 30, 2015 meeting agenda of the Highway Committee. Carried without a negative vote.

Jeff Hess of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation presented the 2016 Road Maintenance Agreement between them and the Waupaca County Highway Department for \$1,952,400. **MOTION McClone/Much to approve the 2016 Road Maintenance Agreement for \$1,952,400 between the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Waupaca County Highway Department. Carried without a negative vote.** Mr. Hess also discussed the department's intent to table the 70 MPH that has been proposed for USH 10 in Waupaca County. Mr. Steingraber and the committee expressed their concerns with the proposal and appreciated that the department was tabling until some additional studies can be done. They also discussed the need for median barriers and the section of USH10 being converted to a freeway. Mr. Hess then left the meeting.

The Committee members reviewed one (1) bill batch dated October 23, 2015. **MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the bill batch as presented. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber recommended that the committee rescind the State/Municipal Agreement for Federal Funds for the CTH B (STH 49 to Drath Road) project. **MOTION Jonely/Much to rescind the State/Municipal Agreement for Federal Funds for the CTH B (STH 49 to Drath Road) project. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber recommended that the committee approve the Land Use Agreement with Allen Oberstadt to stockpile material and equipment storage for the CTH W (USH 45 to STH 96) project. **MOTION McClone/Jonely to approve the Land Use Agreement with Allen Oberstadt to stockpile material and equipment store for the CTH W (USH 45 to STH 96) project. Carried without a negative vote.**

Ms. Meulemans and Mr. Steingraber discussed with the committee the status of the Thiel's Pit process that Andy Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, S.C. has been working on. They noted that there were three phases of the process and that they felt the first phase would be completed shortly. Ms. Meulemans and Mr. Steingraber recommended that the committee obtain attorney Andy Phillips of von Briesen & Roper,

S.C. to continue legal work with the Highway Department to cease operations of Thiel's Pit with cost not to exceed \$5,000. **MOTION McClone/Much to obtain attorney Andy Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, S.C. to continue legal work with the Highway Department to cease operations of Thiel's Pit with cost not to exceed \$5,000. Carried without a negative vote.**

Robert (Sonny) Rasmussen Jr. and Joanne Rasmussen joined the meeting at 10 a.m. The committee presented Robert Rasmussen Jr. with a plaque, certificate and resolution thanking him for his 25 years of service as of his retirement date of October 27, 2015. **MOTION Jonely/McClone to approve a resolution thanking Robert Rasmussen Jr. for 25 years of service at the Waupaca County Highway Department. Carried without a negative vote.** Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen then left the meeting.

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

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

Mr. Steingraber requested that the committee approve the advertisement for a one ton dump truck and a shoulder machine once the 2016 budget is approved by the County Board. **MOTION Aasen/Much to advertise for a one ton dump truck and a shoulder machine once the 2016 budget is approved by the County Board. Carried without a negative vote.**

MOTION McClone/Jonely to amend the agenda to add CTH D (Division Street) in the City of New London to the agenda. Carried without a negative vote.

Mr. Steingraber recommended that the committee approve the County/Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering with the City of New London for CTH D (Division Street) from Beckert Rd to Beacon St. with an estimated cost of \$62,600 split 50/50%. **MOTION Jonely/McClone to approve the County/Municipal Agreement for Preliminary Engineering with the City of New London for CTH D (Division Street) from Beckert Rd to Beacon St. with an estimated cost of \$62,600 split 50/50%. Carried without a negative vote.**

MOTION Jonely/McClone to adjourn at 11:15 a.m. Carried without a negative vote.

Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist