

January 22, 2016 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 and Much. Supervisor McClone and Aasen were excused.

Also present – Heidi Dombrowski, Waupaca County Finance Director, Lisa Coombs, Engineering Specialist, Mark Korth, Equipment and Facility Superintendent, Lance Penney, Interim Highway Commissioner, and Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist

**MOTION Much/Jonely to approve the January 22, 2016 amended meeting agenda of the Highway Committee. Carried without a negative vote.**

**MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2016 regular Committee Meeting. Carried without a negative vote.**

The Committee members reviewed two (2) bill batches dated January 12 and January 21, 2016.

**MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the bill batches as presented. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mrs. Dombrowski reviewed pending 2015 final numbers for projects, what projects have completed, which still have work to be done and 2016 budget projects. Mr. Penney will confirm all estimates for proposed projects and once completed, sit down with Mrs. Dombrowski to review. Chairman Flease noted that it would be helpful for Mrs. Dombrowski to attend meetings maybe quarterly to give updates.

Mr. Penney reported to the committee regarding the Wisconsin Department of Transportation payments noted at the last meeting was for the 20% county portion of CTH E.

Mr. Penney, Miss Coombs and Mrs. Dombrowski discussed the scope of the CTH D project that is proposed as a cost share with the City of New London. Mrs. Dombrowski noted how the cost would need to be budgeted. Mr. Penney said that he would follow up with the city on some details and then include that in his discussion with Mrs. Dombrowski regarding future project cost and timelines.

Miss Coombs and Mrs. Dombrowski left the meeting.

Mr. Penney noted that a Public Information Meeting for the CTH E Bridge would be held Tuesday January 26 at Bethany Homes in Waupaca. He also noted that some details of the project, sidewalks in particular, would be discussed with the City of Waupaca who is cost sharing the project with the County.

Mr. Penney noted that the CTH I project budget, and scope would be reviewed and discussed during the future project cost and timelines meeting with Mrs. Dombrowski.

Mr. Penney noted that the Thiel's pit reclamation plan and mine operations were still in progress.

Mr. Korth joined the meeting and requested permission to purchase a foreman truck. The repairs to the current truck would cost \$15,000 and \$10,000 has already been invested into the truck over the last 5 years and that the truck has almost 200,000 miles. He contacted Clintonville Motors, who won the bid for the last truck, to see if they would honor the same cost, which they will. The County would not require an additional bond check, but would continue to hold the check we have for the original truck. He would sell the current foreman truck "as is". Mr. Korth recommended that the committee approve the purchase of an additional foreman truck for \$31,474 from Clintonville Motors. **MOTION Much/Jonely to approve the purchase of an additional foreman truck for \$31,474 from Clintonville Motors. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Korth also noted that the construction of the fuel system and tandem axle chassis with plow equipment bids were on schedule and bids would be opened on Tuesday February 2. He did note that the department has opted to put a hold on the purchase of the plow equipment for a front end loader, noting after additional research, they could modify a current plow for less. Mr. Korth then left the meeting.

Mr. Penney noted that The Nose property in the City of Marion had been turned over to Diane Meulemans, Waupaca County Corporation Counsel and the city of Marion Mayor.

Mr. Penney discussed his meeting with Mr. Jenner regarding the CTH A property that the county currently owns for the future site of the Highway Department. The committee asked Mr. Penney to look into an estimate of cost to have sewer and water ran to the property per the City's requirement vs the cost to do a possible land trade with Mr. Jenner for another piece of his property also on CTH A which already has sewer and water.

Mr. Penney presented a 60/40 brush cutting petition for the Town of Little Wolf for Spring Creek, Bridge, Swamp, Garritty and Wolf Roads with the recommendation that the committee approve with time and weather permitting. **MOTION Jonely/Much to approve the Town of Little Wolf 60/40 brush cutting petition with time and weather permitting. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Penney recommended that the committee approve the hiring of summer help again this year. He noted that staff would be reviewing who to invite back and would advertise for remaining positions. Numbers include 10 field operations summer help and 2 engineering assistant summer help. **MOTION Much/Jonely to hire 10 field operations summer help and 2 engineering assistant summer help. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Penney distributed the Commissioner's Report which and gave the committee an update on any additional department projects as well as noting calendar dates that the committee may want to be involved with.

**MOTION Jonely/Much** to adjourn at 11:10 a.m.

Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist