

March 11, 2015

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Ben Moderow at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2015. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Ben Moderow
Vicki Bernhagen
Rich Slate

Absent: Paul Schwandt

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Duane Prachel, Patrol Superintendent
Harley Reabe, Supervisor District 11
Joy Waterbury, Supervisor District 6
Diane Meulemeans, Corporation Counsel
Doug Brittinger, Kraemer Co.
Todd Rieban, Contech
Bill Lawton, HG Meigs
Loren Gaastra, Sam Gaastra & Sons, Inc.
Robert Miller, Markesan, WI
Brian Enders, Northeast Asphalt

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second (Bernhagen/Slate) to approve the minutes of 02/11/15. Motion Carried.

Correspondence

A letter from Joy Waterbury, Supervisor District 6 regarding CTH H in the Village of Marquette, asking if the 2015 Highway Improvement Plan for 1.7 miles on CTH H from Puckaway Road to Town Line can be redirected to CTH H within Village limits. Brooks explained that we cannot deviate from the 2015 Improvement Plan as the surface should have been put on in 2010, and cost for a recon project would more than double and would involve more planning. A letter explaining the situation will be mailed to Waterbuy and the Village of Marquette.

Public Comment None

Appearances None

Bid Solicitations

Bid Solicitations were opened for Crushed Stone & Gravel; Culverts; Road Oil; Pulverizing & Relay.
Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve awarding the bids to the vendors which would be most advantageous to Green Lake County after the Commissioner reviews all Bid Specifications. Motion Carried.

Building & Grounds Use, Easement-Manchester Shop

Discussion held on Mr. Miller's request for an easement on County property located in Manchester.
Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve an easement on County property located in Manchester, and to forward to P&I for approval. Roll-Call Vote, (0) Ayes, (3) Nays, (1) Absent (Schwandt). Motion Failed.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/Second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve the February 11, 2015 vouchers for \$183,945.78. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

Financial reports were reviewed.

Capital Outlay

Some discussion held on the 25 Year Capital Outlay Plan.

Use of County Vehicle

County Board approved a new policy for use of vehicle. The requirement for living in county was revised to read "required to meet response time". As a formality, the Commissioner, and Superintendent's need approval for use of vehicle as they are on call all of the time. Discussion held regarding what happens during vacation times for liability purposes when county vehicles are not on county property.

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Slate) to postpone approval until next month after obtaining more information regarding liability concerns. Motion Carried.

Standard Road Repair Policy (Draft)

The Standard Road Repair Policy (Draft) was discussed.

Railroad Consortium

Slate attended the March meeting and handed a copy of the November 5, 2014 Minutes to the Committee Members. The rehabilitation project from Fairwater to Markesan will be done this summer, with an anticipated Spring start date. The Railroad Crossing on CTH A will probably take place after August 1, 2015.

April Committee Meeting Date & Time

Due to Commissioner Meetings April 8th and 9th, Brooks would like to hold April's meeting on the 1st. Committee Members were in agreement.

Committee Discussion

County crews have been treeing and brushing; surface maintenance; winter maintenance activities; and installed the oil system. Anticipated activities include surface maintenance; cutting trees and brush; winter maintenance as needed; snow fence removal; post roads for seasonal posting. Crash data consisted of 29 deer, 3 other, and 8 county damage claims.

Road review/project status: CTH Y has been delayed due to possible state threatened pale green orchids. Indicator plants are present. DNR plant survey is scheduled for June 8th. Seeds will be collected and planted in similar habitats if present.

Barrientos Design and Construction is offering a tour at Jefferson County and all Committee Members are welcome to attend.

Closed Session

Motion/second (Slate/Berhhagen) to move into closed session per §19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. This closed session relates to Highway Mechanic II Position. Roll Call Vote, (3) Ayes, (0) Nays, (1) Absent (Schwandt).

Open Session

Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session.

Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to re-advertise the Mechanic II position and the Commissioner to have initial interviews, and schedule final interview of all candidates with the Highway Committee. Motion Carried.

Adjournment 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Pence, Secretary Highway Committee