

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2016

Location: Highway Department Committee Room
Buffalo County Courthouse - Alma, Wisconsin

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date:

Chairman Danzinger called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, 2016 in the Highway Department Committee Room on the second floor of the Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma Wisconsin.

Buffalo County Highway Committee members present at the meeting were: Mr. Carothers, Mr. Danzinger, Mr. Sendelbach and Mr. Grisen. Mr. Platteter, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner was also present. Others present for part or all of the meeting was Kelly Johnston, Highway Superintendent and Fred Gruber, Jewell & Associates.

The minutes of the Monday, January 11, 2016 regular Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Carothers, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

The minutes of the Monday, January 25, 2016 regular Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Carothers, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

The meeting agenda was approved as published.

There were no public comments regarding Agenda items.

Fred Gruber of Jewell brought engineering plans and specs for the bridge to be redone on CTH "C" by Konkel Valley Road of which was awarded to Larson Construction of Chippewa Falls for \$545,640.00 which was \$144,360.00 below estimated costs. Bridge project is to begin in 2016.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #022976 through #023118, totaling \$393,986.20. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Carothers, and seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

Staffing:

A. Fill State/County Foreman in lieu of Assistant County Patrol Superintendent:

The Committee Members and Commissioner had a discussion about changing the Assistant Superintendent position back to the Construction Foreman which will be an hourly wage instead of salary position. The Committee thought it would be a good idea to reword a few items:

1. Take out the color exam being you have to take an eye chart test every two years when you renew your CDL.
2. Come up with a mathematical test for the position.

Mr. Grisen made a motion that we fill the vacancy as Foreman and that Mr. Platteter write a resolution to eliminate the Assistant Superintendent position. Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Motion carried.

B. Fill County Patrolman Position:

If the Foreman position is filled internally the go ahead was given to fill the next position which would be a patrolman position immediately, motion to approve by Mr. Carothers, Mr. Grisen seconded. Motion carried.

C. Seasonal Mowing Staff:

Summer mowing staff was approved on motion by Mr. Grisen and Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Motion carried.

D. Summer Shop Help-Riverfront:

Riverfront help was proposed. We need to find out who pays workman's compensation and are liable in the event of an accident or if Riverfront is, or 50/50 split? Also, if the person is not working out,

do we have to stay with the same person or can we get somebody else and also, if we run out of work, can we cancel the contract?

Highway Department Personnel:

Motion to approve closed session by Mr. Sendelbach, Mr. Carothers seconded. Roll call vote, all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve open session by Mr. Grisen, Mr. Carothers seconded. Roll call vote, all voting yes. Motion carried.

Motion to take Office Assistant position pay scale from Step 6 to Step 7 to the Human Resource Committee for approval by Mr. Sendelbach, Mr. Carothers seconded. Motion carried.

Equipment:

A. New Shop Pickup Replacement:

- Motion to approve a new shop pickup from Fountain City Ford for \$29,585.00 by Mr. Sendelbach, Mr. Carothers seconded. Motion carried.

B. Used Service Truck Replacement:

- Motion to approve a used service truck to replace Pickup #48 for up to \$27,000.00 which will be sold by Mr. Grisen, Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Motion carried.

C. New Shoulder Retriever:

- Motion to approve new shoulder retriever from Serwe Equipment for \$16,590.00 by Mr. Carothers, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

A. Alma Shop:

- Status of project was discussed.

B. Alma Office:

- The Alma Office design work contract of \$11,150.00 has been signed with Simmons Construction. Waiting for designs to come back and are satisfactory before signing of contract to start work. Mr. Platteter has approval to sign the contract at that time. Seitz Electric approved for the electrical part of the project, Collins for the plumbing and the heating will be determined when the design is done.

DNR Culvert Seminar:

Motion to approve a DNR Culvert Seminar for Mr. Johnston to go to by Mr. Grisen, seconded by Mr. Carothers. Motion carried.

Commissioner's Report:

- Mr. Johnston, Patrol Superintendent will attend 2016 Work Zone Training – March 11, 2016, Wisconsin Dells paid for by DOT
- Commissioner's Spring Training – March 28th & 29, 2016, Wisconsin Dells
- Mine Safety Day – April 13, 2016 – change of venue & must be 8 hours
- West Central District Commissioner/Committee Member's Spring Meeting – May 3, 2016, Taylor County, Medford
- Summer Conference – June 7, 8, 9, 2016 – tentative
- Cold-In Place Webcast – March 15, 2016 @ 1:00p.m

Committee Member's Report: None

Next meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

County Board meeting is March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Grisen made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Carothers. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnston
Acting Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee