

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 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 4:00p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 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 Jim Palkowski, Shop Foreman and Randy Miller of JSM and J Services.

The minutes of the Monday, March 7, 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. Sendelbach. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

The meeting agenda was approved as published.

There were no public comments regarding Agenda items.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #023119 through #023209, totaling \$133,516.43. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Grisen, and seconded by Mr. Carothers. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

Staffing:

- A. State/County Foreman: Mr. Platteter proposed setting the pay rate at \$21.54 for this position. Motion by Mr. Carothers, second by Mr. Sendelbach to approve. Passed Unanimously.
- B. County Patrolman-Alma/Mondovi: Mr. Platteter discussed the filling of open positions on staff. Interviews will be coming.
- C. Summer Shop Help: Riverfront has not yet responded to concerns over summer help.

Equipment:

- A. *Skid Steer Bids:*
 - Mr. Platteter handed out a bid sheet for a budgeted Skid Steer. Jim Palkowski noted that the bid by Bobcat Plus was the low bid but was incomplete and that when all things are equal the Volvo is low bid. The Board felt that consistency on equipment was important. Motion by Mr. Carothers, second by Mr. Sendelbach to have Mr. Platteter draft a Resolution in the amount of \$36,402.00 for Bobcat Plus. Passed Unanimously.
 - Skid Steer Trade: Discussion about getting into a yearly trade-in plan on the tracked skid steer. Not action taken due to lack of interest.
- B. *Disc Bine Mower:* Mr. Platteter handed out bid sheet for mowers. Jim Palkowski reported some negatives he heard on the Kuhn-type mower base on experiences of other counties. This was the low bid mower. He recommends the New Holland which is second low for \$210.00 more. Motion by Mr. Grisen to approve up to \$10,000.00 for the purchase of a Disc Bine Mower, second by Mr. Danzinger. Motion carried. Jim Palkowski will research further on Kuhn and New Holland.

- C. *Skid Steer Trailer*: Mr. Platteter handed out a bid sheet for a new over-wheel, deck over trailer for the skid steer. Discussion on the need for this item. Motion by Mr. Sendelbach, second by Mr. Carothers to accept bid by Pete's Trailer Sales for \$6,845.00. Passed Unanimously.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Alma Shop: Mr. Platteter reported that Cochrane Telephone is ready to start boring. Collins Plumbing and White Construction are speaking with Mr. Platteter.
- B. Alma Office: The State is reviewing the building plans today. There may be a problem with the need for a second fire escape. The estimated cost for this is \$15,000.00. Feedback from the State is forthcoming. The Committee authorized Mr. Platteter to sign any work contracts when they need signing. Discussion over moving the furniture from the courthouse to new shop. Bob will discuss with Administrator.

Detailed Time Study of Duties:

Mr. Platteter will speak with County Administrator Sonya Hansen on this for direction.

Spring Committee Person Meeting: May 3rd is the date for this. Mr. Danzinger will attend.

Summer Road School (Highway Conference):

June 6th -8th is the date. The representative will need to be named when the Committee is set.

Monroe Equipment Tour & Training:

Mr. Platteter would like to send two mechanics to this. Motion by Mr. Carothers, second by Mr. Sendelbach to allow this. Passed unanimously. There is no cost to the County.

Commissioner's Report:

- Mr. Platteter reported that Buffalo County returned \$217,000.00 to the State for unused funds. The State wants Buffalo County to submit "a wish list" of projects.
- Two PBM Contracts were signed:
 1. Sealing Bridges - \$98,414.40
 2. Crack Fill 8-7 Miles - \$120,628.49
- Mr. Platteter handed out the 2015 Annual Report.

Committee Member's Report:

- Mr. Danzinger asked about sweeping roads. Mr. Platteter said the crews are in the process of doing so now.
- Mr. Danzinger asked for projects scheduled for the County this summer.

Motion by Mr. Sendelbach, second by Mr. Carothers to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Grisen
Acting Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee