

# Buffalo County Minutes

**Committee/Board:** BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, November 15, 2016

**Location:** Highway Department Committee Room  
S1672 State Road 37, Alma, WI

## **Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date:**

Chairman Danzinger called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in the Highway Department Committee Room, S1672 State Road 37, Alma, Wisconsin.

Buffalo County Highway Committee members present at the meeting were: Mr. Danzinger, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Brunkow, Mr. Bork and Mr. Grisen. Mr. Platteter, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner, was also present. Others present for part of the meeting were Kelly Johnston, Patrol Superintendent and Jim Palkowski, Shop Foreman.

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 regular Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Grisen, seconded by Mr. Taylor and unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #023667 through #023714, totaling \$333,585.99. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Unanimously approved by the committee.

## **Staffing:**

- A. At full status except for one out due to injury.
- B. Signman Wage Increase – Motion to move to classification by Mr. Brunkow, second by Mr. Bork. Approved.

## **Equipment Bids/Specifications:**

- A. Loader – Mr. Grisen made a motion to bring in CAT & Volvo loaders for demo before buying a loader for \$130,000.00 or less. Mr. Taylor seconded. Approved.
- B. Truck Specs-Tandems vs Tri-Axles – Extra \$30,000.00 for tri-axles compared to tandems for initial price. Check price difference between tandem, tri-axle and quad-axles. Also check resale on all three and compare load capacities.
- C. Spray Patcher – Patcher arrived last week.

## **Buildings & Grounds:**

- A. Alma Office/Shop/Sewer – Wrapping up some plumbing left and painting in the spring.
- B. Waumandee Shop – check

## **County/State Road Systems:**

- A. State RMA – State 2017 Routine Maintenance Agreement budget of \$1,076,600.00. Motion to approve by Mr. Brunkow, second by Mr. Taylor. Approved.
- B. County Estimates – The Highway Committee was given some figures to take to the Finance Committee for discussion. Probably end up giving a set price and use the best of our advantage. Motion by Mr. Grisen to send bonding proposal onto Finance, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Approved.

- C. CTH "Q" bridge going down to 20 ton weight limit due to four busted wood supports.
- D. CTH "Z" Bridge – timber bridge replacement for \$150,000 - \$160,000.00 instead of temporary fix for \$32,000.00. Discussion on what to do with this new information. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to go ahead with hybrid Timber Bridge on CTH Z, second by Mr. Bork. Approved.
- E. Consultant Selection Boettcher Bridge – Motion by Mr. Taylor to use MSA, second by Mr. Grisen. Approved.

2017 Election of Composite Equipment Rates:

Motion by Mr. Bork to approve composite rates from the State of Wisconsin, second by Mr. Brunkow. Approved.

Commissioner's Report:

- TAP Grant – County is required to hire an appraiser of which the money can be used from previous project, which will be closed out.
- ATV Club – No members present. Finance turned down CAPX money for sign reimbursement.
- Hours of operation for office staff to be discussed next month so office staff is present the same time as guys.
- Bob and Kelly Leadership Conference, December 6 & 7 in Wausau, WI
- Winter Road School Maintenance Conference, January 16, 17 & 18 at the Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Need to know who is going by December 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Cameras quote was \$9,000.00. The State of Wisconsin will pay 50%. Fountain City School will pay \$1,500.00. Mondovi School, Fountain City School and Countryside Coop in Durand are the camera locations.
- Check with the Administrator about an automated call out system, where you can call out the State guys with one phone call and County guys with one phone call. Commissioner will follow-up with the Administrator on information and pricing.

Committee Member Report: None

Open house for the new offices at the Alma Shop will be December 13, 2016 from 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

Next Highway Committee meeting is December 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Bork, second by Mr. Taylor. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee