

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, January 10, 2017

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

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Chairman Danzinger called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 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 all/part of the meeting were Kelly Johnston, Patrol Superintendent, Jim Palkowski, Shop Foreman and Don Benz, Titan Machinery.

The minutes of the December 13, 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. Bork and unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #023804 through #023853, totaling \$97,961.07. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Equipment:

- A. Loader – The employees that have tried the extended reach Cat loader did not like the way it handled due to not being able to see the front of the bucket while coming into the trucks to load. The loader was light in the back end but it did not have the logging weight in the back like was supposed to. This was not an issue with the Hyundai loader. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to purchase a new Hyundai loader, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried. Amendment made by Mr. Bork not to exceed \$130,000.00 for a loader, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried. Motion made by Mr. Brunkow, seconded by Mr. Taylor for a Resolution to purchase a Hyundai loader with a weight scale option not to exceed \$130,000.00. Motion carried.
- B. Patrol Trucks w/ Attachments – Discussion of the cost, weight and haul capacity differences between new tandem, tri-axle and quad-axle trucks. It was discussed about the extra cost compared to the benefit for upgrading to a larger truck. Mr. Brunkow made a motion that we go with the tri-axle Mack trucks for \$177,690.00 with the Universal package specifications costing \$158,710.00, seconded by Mr. Bork. Motion carried. Resolution to buy two tri-axle trucks from Mack with Universal specifications equipment not to exceed \$336,400.00. Motion made by Mr. Brunkow and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

- C. Substitution of 2017 Equipment – It was discussed to switch out equipment for 2017 and 2019. Swapping of the rubber tired excavator to be moved to 2017 and push the tractor backhoe and the other Cat loader back to 2019 which would lower this year’s highway budget by \$45,000.00. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to change the equipment list for 2017 and Mr. Grisen seconded. Motion carried. Can start getting bids together for the excavator and mowing tractors immediately.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Alma Facility – Water quality at the Alma Shop is not potable. Looking into a filter system to add to the water softener for the facility. Painting of the outside of the Alma shop will be done this spring by Bill Stanton for the same price he bid it in 2016.
- B. Waumandee Facility – No Discussion. Building was sold.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. CTH “Z” Bridge – Larson Construction was the low bid and will be starting work one week prior to the bridge package being delivered. Mr. Bork made a motion to accept Larson Construction bid for \$152,809.00 and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.
- B. CTH “N” Reconstruction – It was discussed that CTH “N” construction from 2016 will need to be finished in 2017 and that it was not budgeted for this year. If it is to be squeezed into 2017 budgeted costs, we will have to eliminate CTH “F” construction for 2017. Need to come up with some other alternatives to take to Finance Committee to see about more money. Table for now.

Weather Camera Status: Check with Jim Ellis about putting the 4th camera on his chicken coop on the Montana Ridge. Should be operational soon.

Commissioner’s Report:

- Mr. Taylor & Mr. Platteter will be attending Road School in Wisconsin Dells at Chula Vista Resort on January 16 – 18, 2017.
- Ms. Hansen, Mr. Grisen and Mr. Platteter had a meeting about the .67% cost of living raise for the Highway Department. This will be discussed more on 1/12/17. The raise was budgeted for by the Highway Department. Some employees would not receive any raise if it doesn’t pass.
- Committee meetings will be the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be February 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
- The Highway Committee would like to have a plow route map for State & County plow routes.

Superintendent’s Report:

- Handed out a report to each member and had a discussion about brushing projects the guys were involved with, the equipment being used and how it is going.
- Two past Highway members are being honored at the Road School in Wisconsin Dells (Dave Brevick & Allen Carothers). They will be paid their mileage for driving down and receive a free lunch.

Committee Members Report: None

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Bork. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee