

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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 9:10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 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, Sonya Hansen, Administrative Coordinator and Diane Prenot, Office Manager.

The minutes of the February 13, 2018 regular Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Brunkow, seconded by Mr. Grisen and unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting agenda was approved.

There were no public comments regarding Agenda items.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #024841 through #024887, totaling \$210,999.17. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Brunkow, and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Staffing:

- A. Winter Staffing Policy – The winter staffing policy that was sent to corporate counsel came back with suggestions. This policy was tabled for now and the amount of people off at one time will be left to management's discretion and there is a policy in place already that requires a minimum of 24 hour advanced notice for time off.

Equipment:

- A. Self-Propelled Broom – We received multiple bids on used self-propelled brooms. Suggesting going with the 2015 Broce from Aring Equipment. Mr. Taylor made a motion that we purchase the 2015 Broce KR350 with 422 hrs. for \$45,085.00 from Aring Equipment and to sign the resolution. Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Review Bids on One New Crew Cab Pickup – There was only one bid received for the new pickup. We received a bid from Fountain City Ford for a 2018 F-350 crew cab for \$33,085.00. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to purchase the new truck from Fountain City Ford. Mr. Bork seconded. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Waumandee Shop Overhead Door – The front overhead door was accidentally damaged by the Town of Waumandee employee. The door will be repaired and billed to the Town of Waumandee.
- B. Cameras – An installation date of Thursday, March 15, 2018 was given for the 4th camera to be installed at the Alma Shop.
- C. Alma Shop Lights – The light fixtures at the Alma Shop are old and starting to fall apart. The current lighting is about 25 lumens. By replacing the 26 existing lights with 15 new LED lights it will increase to 45 lumens. We will also rebuild the 16 existing fluorescent lights in the back shop to LEDs. We will get a second bid for Alma and Fountain City both. Fountain City was already discussed about replacing the old Mercury Vapor lights because they are old and cost so much to run.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. County –
 - a. 2018 Bonding PI Meeting – Overview and discussing of power point presentation that will be presented to the public at the County Board meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Show reconstruction cost for County vs. Private contractor. Pick a road and show how the Paser rating has changed from the present to where it was 5 years ago.
 - b. Bridge Applications – All bridge applications that were submitted were returned due to a change in the request process. They have all been redone and returned.
- B. Townships –
 - a. Winter Maintenance Policy – Discussion to make a policy where we will only do short term winter maintenance for townships in the event of an emergency, such as equipment breaks down, employee is sick or injured, etc. It was decided to leave it up to the Commissioner’s discretion to make the decision. Mr. Grisen made a motion that the Commissioner has the discretionary power to make this decision. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Corp of Engineers Sand Pile:

They are looking for places to go with the dredging sand. Proposed sites and costs for disposal of the stockpile.

Commissioner’s Report: Mr. Platteter has Commissioner training at Stevens Point on Monday & Tuesday, March 19th & 20th. He will return on March 19th to attend the Public Information meeting and then return to Stevens Point for Tuesday’s training.

Committee Member’s Report: County Road “E” Road Ban – (Why??) – County Road “E” was ban at STH 88 instead of at Hesch Valley Road because that stretch of road only lasted 15-20 years. The County just put \$170,000.00 in repairs to that road in 2017 and we would like it to last.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Grisen made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee