

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, March 14, 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, March 14, 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 and Jim Palkowski, Shop Foreman.

The minutes of the February 14, 2017 regular meeting and the February 27, 2017 special meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Bork, seconded by Mr. Grisen and unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting agenda was approved.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #023987 through #024028, totaling \$160,168.81. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Staffing:

- A. Temporary Team Leader – This position would be used for crack sealing, paving and chip sealing with a total of about 560 hours of which would add up to about \$140.00 at .25/hr. wage increase. Mr. Bork recommended that we change the hourly wage increase back to .50/hr. which would add up to about \$280.00 a year. Mr. Bork made a motion to accept the Temporary Team Leader position and change the hourly rate to an additional .50/hr. increase. Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Seasonal Employees – Discussion of hiring a seasonal female high school student through Riverfront. This student is an Honor Student with a driver's license who will be doing painting, mowing, clean up, etc. at different shop locations. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to hire this particular person and Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.
A motion was made to hire two seasonal mower people and one for just Friday mowing if we get behind. The two people will be Monday-Thursday. The third person will work Fridays and only be hired if we fall behind. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve this and Mr. Grisen seconded. Motion carried.

Equipment Quotations/Resolutions:

- A. Compactor/Excavator – Discussion was had to buy a compactor attachment for the new excavator. The price for the combo package would be \$195,659.41. The original budgeted price was \$190,000.00 but with money saved on the crack router and equipment changes for the year we will still be under the original total yearly equipment budget. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to buy as a package deal and Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.
A Resolution to purchase this package for \$195,659.41 instead of just the excavator for the originally budgeted \$190,000.00 was made by Mr. Brunkow and seconded by Mr. Bork. Motion carried.

- B. Tractors & Mowers – We will be trading in two 2003 New Holland tractors w/ mowers. Trade-in values are \$13,500 and \$14,500. We were budgeted for two new tractors at \$70,000 per tractor. We received bids and the lowest bid was for \$158,454.00 for the pair, which is \$18,454.00 over the original budget. Mr. Bork made a motion we accept Value Implements bid of \$158,454.00 for the two tractor and mower combos. Mr. Grisen seconded. Motion carried.

A Resolution to purchase the two tractor/mower combos from Value Implement for \$158,454.00 which is \$18,454.00 over the originally budgeted price of \$140,000. Mr. Taylor made the motion and Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried.

- C. Patch Heater – There were two bids for a new patch heater. Envirotech and Sherwin Industries were the two companies. Mr. Bork made a motion to spend up to \$23,140.00 on a new patch heater. Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried.
- D. Rental Policy – This was discussed due to a private citizen having concerns about who we rent equipment from and how we determine where we rent equipment from. We rented three different tract excavators for emergency flood projects in 2016. The first was from Trempealeau County for \$56.00/hr. We used this machine for a week at which time they needed it back for their own projects. The second excavator was from C&S Construction for \$70.00/hr. which we rented for emergency project in the northern part of the county. The third excavator was rented from Nick Bremer for \$70.00/hr. which was used for emergency projects in the central part of the county. We rent equipment based on lowest prices and availability. Most equipment rental places charge a monthly fee no matter how few hours are used. The board would like Mr. Platteter to put into writing a policy for renting equipment. First option: Rent from nearby Counties; Second option: Rent from private contractors based on lowest prices and availability. Also to come up with something for us renting out our equipment to other counties and townships. Mr. Grisen made a motion and Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Waumandee Facility – We have been in contact with some contractors to get estimated bids for two different design projects for the Waumandee Shop.
- 1) For a lean-to off the north side of the building
 - 2) Extend the building to the west 40 feet.
- The county owns 50% of the building and the Town of Waumandee owns 50% the building and 100% of the land. Waiting on bids.
- B. Fountain City Facility – New steel and insulation on the Fountain City Shop to be done in 2017. Possibility of replacing lights in the shop also. Waiting on bids.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. CTH “Z” Bridge – The bridge replacement is moving along nicely. They are about a week behind schedule due to waiting on some materials. Still planning on being finished by the end of March.
- B. CTH “U” Bridge – The bypass has been placed and is open to vehicles. Ayres Associates is finishing a bridge up north which is very similar to CTH “U” bridge, so they know what permits will be needed and such. Ayres will have information for us next week and possibility of being totally finished in October. This bridge will be a concrete structure. We will check with Ayres on the possibility of a Representative coming to the next meeting to discuss the different types of concrete structures and their opinions on the different bridges.
- C. CTH “Q” Bridge – This bridge is covered by Federal Aid due to being damaged during the flood. The DNR has given the o.k. to replace with a 7 foot arch tube culvert and a 24” overflow culvert. Getting information on the cost of a C-span bridge as a possible replacement also.
- D. Interim Bridge Inspections – Bridges with a 20 foot span or more are inspected every two years. All bridges that were compromised by the flood were inspected by the State and private Inspector. Some of the bridges have been inspected twice since the flood. CHT “U” bridge was one that had been inspected twice but there was no visible problem to be seen.

E. Multi-Year Road Construction/Maintenance Plan – The County needs to do 10.6 miles of road construction a year to maintain a 30 year rotation. As of now we are 17.6 miles behind schedule from the last 5 years. To catch up we would need to do the 10.6 miles plus 4.4 miles per year for 4 years and then continue with 10.6 miles per year after 4 years. To do this we would need to bond an additional \$1,551,063.00 in 2017 for 14.8 miles, \$1,406,700.00 in 2018 for 15.2 miles, \$1,186,100.00 in 2019 for 15.18 miles and \$952,000.00 in 2020 for 15.22 miles. The bonding would be spread out over 4 years and includes the cost of bridge replacements. Mr. Platteter will be presenting this plan to the Finance Committee and to the full County Board. Next Finance Committee meeting is 3/21/17 and next full County Board meeting is 3/27/17. The Highway Committee would like Mr. Platteter to put something together for the paper to let the public know how much taxes would go up per \$100,000.00 of property.

Weather Cameras Update:

The three new weather cameras are installed at Countryside Coop-Durand, Mondovi High School and Fountain City High School. The fourth camera which has been purchased will be installed at Ellis' Chicken Coop. The next step is to get our computers programmed. CR Solutions and the camera IT person both need to be present to get computers programmed.

Commissioner's Report:

- Work Zone Training in Wisconsin Dells for Mr. Secrist and Mr. DeWitt on April 17, 2017.
- Best Paving Practices at Trempealeau County April 19, 2017 for 10 people.
- Safety Day – working on scheduling for April.
- Sealcoat and culvert bids are due in April.
- Spring Commissioner's and Committee Member's meeting in May hosted by Buffalo County.
- DNR Culvert & Bridge Training for Mr. Platteter and Mr. DeWitt.
- Try to locate video or training for best practices for installing culverts using the compactor for the new excavator.

Committee Members Report:

- Mr. Brunkow was wondering on the status of the Allemann Bridge. This bridge is at the top of the list for replacement, but no exact time frame as of yet.

The next Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting will be held on April 11, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee