

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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

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Chairman Grisen called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 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 and Dave Pantzlaff, Ayres Associates.

The minutes of the September 11, 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. Taylor 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 #025318 through #025406, totaling \$484,820.39. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Staffing:

Job Description Changes (Class II & III) – Added some new verbiage to the existing job description to do with experience and training, but management still has final decision. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Equipment:

A. Brine Maker & Anti-Icing Equipment – After reading through the MOU and the Lease Agreement, Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the MOU and Lease Agreement, Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion carried. Mr. Platteter signed and it was sent to WisDOT.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Shop Lights – The contractors were given two options to bid for the two shops. Still waiting for the bids.
- B. Town of Waumandee Agreement – Still at Corporate Counsel.
- C. Fuel Management – Finance approved going forward with getting actual prices for the 3 card troll units for the Alma, Mondovi and Fountain City shops. Mr. Grisen will contact Alma School, Mr. Brunkow will contact Mondovi School and the City of Mondovi to see if there is any interest in using the County Facilities for fuel as well as Sheriff's Dept. and H.R.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. Construction Projects – CTH “M” is completed other than adjustment of the guardrail. CTH “CC” is ready for paving as soon as the asphalt plant is available. CTH “J” is ready for paving with a little grading to be done first. CTH “WW” started milling and will be close to ready by the end of the week. CTH “J” & CTH “WW” asphalt will come from the Eau Claire plant on STH 85.
- B. Maintenance Projects – All chip seals are complete. Patching and ditching to be done. Township culvert work to be done. STH 37 & 88 ditching is in the process.
- C. Bridge Replacements – Buffalo County and Trempealeau County have both been approved for 9 bridges each during the same time frame. We will meet with and discuss consultants with Trempealeau County so as we do not pick and overload one particular consulting firm with too many bridges.
- D. Culvert Inventory – carry over
- E. Joint Meeting w/ Land Conservation & GIS – Land Conservation does storm run-off studies for us already and that is going well. Mr. Platteter, Ms. Olson and Mr. Poser met to discuss problem areas throughout the county.
- F. Township Work - Mr. Platteter handed out a list of townships who have employees and who doesn't, who hires contractors, winter maintenance, maintenance chip seals, construction, etc. Get a list of what services we provide or can provide and what services we do not provide. The County cannot do bids for work needing done. We can only do estimates.

2018 Budget Status:

4% budget cut was requested from administration. We cut 4.5 % or \$113,000.00 from winter maintenance. We were asked if we could cut another \$100,000.00 from our budget but we cannot.

Resolution for Joint Projects:

\$266,537.02 for joint projects with Townships. The County cost is \$133,268.51. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Pantzlaff, Ayres Associates:

Dave Pantzlaff from Ayres Associates was present and wanted to thank us for the opportunity of consulting for the CTH “U” Bridge project that was done due to flooding and bridge collapse. They are very interested in the chance to do more with the upcoming bridge projects. Consultants should be chosen as soon as possible for bridges to be done in 2021 will need to be starting design by the beginning of 2019.

Commissioner's Report – We will be starting to work on specs to get bids for equipment and trucks for 2019 immediately.

Committee Members Report - CTH “N” (Cochrane dugway where culvert replacement was done needs more gravel as it has settled. Possibility of a “bump” sign as well. Shouldering on CTH “N” dugway (Alma side).

Next meeting, Tuesday November 13, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment – Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bork seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee