

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, November 13, 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 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, November 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 and David Wierzba, MSA, Dave Schmidts, Rustic Roads, Shannon Geurink, Northwest Petroleum and Jim Palkowski, Shop Foreman.

The minutes of the October 9, 2018 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.

Public comments regarding Agenda items Dave Wierzba from MSA was present and wanted to say thank you for past jobs and wanted to say they would be interested in future jobs.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #025407 through #025453, totaling \$364,289.64. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Staffing:

- A. Seasonal Mowing Staff – All seasonal mowing staff were done for the year as of 11/1/18.
- B. Training –
 - December 3 & 4th, 2018 there will be a Professional Leadership and Development training held in Wausau, WI for John DeWitt, Construction Foreman and Kelly Johnston, Superintendent.
 - December 18 & 19th, 2018 Miller Bradford will be holding a training/testing day for new equipment in Tomahawk, WI. There is no cost to the County and they will allow up to six employees. Still working on who will go. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to approve both trainings and Mr. Bork seconded. Motion Carried.

Equipment:

- A. Storage(Waumandee) – Yes, we will be contacting Mr. Olson about renting the storage space in Waumandee again for our equipment to be stored over the winter months
- B. Brine Maker & Anti-Icing Equipment – Everything has been approved and signed. We are just waiting on paperwork to be drawn up as a DMA so we have where we need to bill to. We will be ordering as soon as we have the DMA.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Shop Lights – We have only received one bid for the shop light replacements which was from Seitz Electric. The Alma shop will get 15 new LED High Bays, the truck area will get 16 LED High Bays, and F.C. will get 15 new LED High Bays and 3 exterior LED's. Two different style lights were bid. Mr. Taylor made a motion to accept the cheaper of the two bids which was \$15,308.00. Seitz Electric was awarded this bid. Mr. Bork seconded. Motion Carried.
- B. Town of Waumandee Use Agreement – Still at Corporate Counsel.
- C. Fuel Management (Visitors) – Northwest Petroleum representative Shannon Geurink was present to discuss fuel management. Mr. Taylor made a motion to have Mr. Geurink come up with a detailed proposal for the December 11, 2018 meeting. Mr. Brunkow seconded. Motion Carried.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. Construction Projects – All of the 2018 construction projects are completed. We made a deal with Trempealeau County for asphalt as we would not have been able to get into the Mathy Plant at the Marsolek Quarry until maybe this week.
- B. Maintenance Projects – Six bridges left to rip rap and some small misc. projects throughout the county such as clean out culverts, etc.
- C. Bridge Replacement & Consultant Selections – there are nine bridges up for replacement. Mr. Platteter, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Johnston met to go through consultants and choose who is getting the work. Six different consultants were chosen for the nine bridge projects. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to approve the chosen consultants. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried.
- D. Referendum Results/5 yr. Construction Plan Update – Typical year construction work is 7-7.5 miles. 2019 proposed budget is 10.74 miles. The proposed budget with bonding is 14.6 miles. Typical year for chip seal is 7 miles. 2019 proposed budget is 18 miles. The proposed budget with bonding is 22.60 miles. Getting bids from private contractors vs. county cost was brought up. This has been done in the past but the private bids have always been way more cost.

Amended Resolution for Joint Projects: Added Maxville and then signed.

2019 Budget Changes: \$602,000.00 shortage for the County budget. Taking \$102,000.00 out of the general fund and taking a short term loan for \$500,000.00 until later in the year when the funds will be available.

Resolution for Rustic Road Applications: Dave Schmidts was present to discuss the routes to be used for the Rustic Roads Tours. These routes would need more maintenance, cost for the signs and speed limit changes to a maximum of 45 mph. Test Route #1 would be Tell to CTH II to CTH KK to CTH F back to Tell. Test Route #2 would be Cream to CTH EE to CTH U to CTH XX back to Cream. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to amend resolution to remove CTH U from Test Route #2 as it is a heavily travelled roadway. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the amended resolution Mr. Brunkow seconded. All yes, except for Mr. Bork who was a no.

2019 WisDOT Routine Maintenance Agreement: \$1,118,800.00 for 2019 RMA budget again. Same as last year. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried and Signed.

Winter Road School: Mr. Platteter, Mr. Bork and Mr. Taylor will be attending this year on January 14, 15 and 16th, 2019.

Commissioner's Report: Numbers for budget & bond will change some being we were given 10.5 miles for new construction for 2019.

Committee Member's Report: Make sure to double check that the fuel tanks are the correct sizes for consumption at the three shops to be set up with the card troll systems.

Next meeting will be December 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Highway Department Personnel: Mr. Grisen made a motion to go into closed session, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call – Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Bork – yes, Mr. Danzinger – yes, Mr. Grisen – yes, Mr. Brunkow – excused.

Mr. Bork made a motion to return to open session, Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried.

Roll Call - Mr. Taylor – yes, Mr. Bork – yes, Mr. Danzinger – yes, Mr. Grisen – yes, Mr. Brunkow – excused.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Bork seconded. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee