

**April 8, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 8, 2014. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt Absent: Don Peters  
Ben Moderow  
Eugene Henke  
Margaret Whirry  
Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner  
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant  
Dan Sondalle, Corporation Counsel  
Andy Lang, Casper's Truck  
Bobby Balda, Quality Truck  
Gene Kussart, Donahoe & Associates  
Paul & Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways  
Troy Redfern, Monroe Truck  
Tony Daley, Newspapers

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Agenda**

*Motion/second (Whirry /Henke)* to approve the Agenda with the adjustment of moving #15 up to #8. Motion Carried.

**Minutes**

*Motion/second (Henke/Whirry)* to approve the Minutes of 3/11/14 & 3/18/14. Motion Carried.

**Correspondence** None

**Public Comments** None

**Appearances**

Gene Kussart, Donohue Associates appeared to discuss bridge engineering.

**Use of Grounds**

*Motion/second (Whirry/henke)* to approve Norton's Dry Dock Youth Angler Tournament Parking on 6/14/14. Motion Carried.

**Purchase Cab and Chassis, Purchase of Truck Equipment**

Committee discussed the cab and chassis quotes.

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to approve purchasing the Western Star from Quality Truck. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held between Casper's Truck and Monroe Truck regarding the quotes for the truck equipment. The overall rating between the two were very close. Both Andy Lang of Casper's Truck and Troy Redfern of Monroe Truck had a chance to speak. Andy Lang (Casper's Truck) indicated that they have not been awarded anything for 7-8 years, and is asking the committee to give his company a chance.

*Motion/second (Schwandt/Henke)* to purchase the truck equipment from Casper's Truck. Motion carried.

**Monthly Vouchers**

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to approve the April 8, 2014 vouchers in the amount of \$78,088.59. Motion Carried.

### **Legislative Breakfast 4/25/14**

***Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)*** to approve Brooks to attend the Legislative Breakfast on 4/25/14. Motion Carried.

### **Road Agreement, Concrete versus Blacktop Costs**

Brooks explained the Road Agreement #7 has been revised to include verbiage of any unused money left in the escrow; and spoke about concrete versus blacktop. Concrete would cost approximately 29% more than blacktopping; but would last 40 years versus 20 with blacktop. To construct the road with concrete would delay the project, and would change the agreement. Due to these reasons and the low ADT on CTH S, and not knowing how long road will be used, Brooks felt that CTH S would not be a good option for concrete. ***Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)*** to approve the Road Upgrade & Maintenance Agreement as written. Motion Carried.

### **Railroad Consortium** None

### **Resolutions/Ordinances**

Resolution/Ordinance Supporting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2014-2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle.

Sondalle stated that the P&I Committee approved last week. This resolution is basically for the next step for the grant. A Timeline is attached to the resolution. From the County perspective, we need to make sure this is funded correctly before the next stages, and because we are putting our signature on everything, we need to make sure we are properly protected. The Resolution is part of the grant application.

***Motion/second(Henke/Whirry)*** to approve Resolution Supporting Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) 2014-2018 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Award Cycle, and to forward on to the County Board with recommendation for approval. Motion Carried.

### **Financial Reports**

The Financial Reports were reviewed.

### **2013 Financial Report of Highway Operations**

The 2013 Highway Net Position was explained, along with the Composition of Net Position. Fringe Benefit and Shop Overhead reductions were also explained.

### **May Committee Meeting Date**

The May 13, 2014 meeting date is changed to May 21, 2014, 5:30 pm, due to Brooks being out of town for bridge training.

### **Committee Discussion**

Brooks reported crews were patching potholes; cleaning culverts and ditches; winter maintenance as needed; input county sign data into simple signs software; removing snow fence; and cutting trees and brush. Anticipated activities include surface maintenance; rubber crack filling; tree and brushing; removal of snow fence; and start reconstruction projects.

March crash data consisted of 17 deer, 4 other/weather, and 5 county damage claim.

### **Move into Closed Session Per**

Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) Medical history, disciplinary data, specific personnel problems. This closed session relates to compensation for Mechanic II Position in the Highway Department, and medical history.

***Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)*** to move into closed session. Roll Call Vote, 2 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, Peters.

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION.**

*Motion/second(Whirry/Henke)* to reconvene in open session. Roll call vote, 2 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, Peters. Motion carried.

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to approve setting the Mechanic II wage to the 97.5% and to forward on to the Personnel Committee with recommendation of for approval. Motion Carried.

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to accept the retirement resignation of the Highway Grader Operator. Motion Carried.

**Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:**

- *Regular meeting date, May 21, 2014 at 5:30*
- *Highway Department Capital Outlay for road construction and equipment*

**Adjournment**

*Motion/second (Whirry/Henke)* to adjourn 7:15 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence, Secretary