

August 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt
Ben Moderow
Vicki Bernhagen
Rich Slate

Absent:

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Duane Prachel, Patrol Superintendent
Aaron Wagner, Patrol Superintendent
Harley Reabe, Supervisor District 11
Dan Sondalle, Interim Corporation Counsel
Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways
Paul Renaud, Green Lake Greenways

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Moderow/Slate) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion/Second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to approve the minutes of 07/08/2015. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comment None

Appearances

Lauree Renaud, Green Lake Greenways appeared to request Highway assistance installing bike signs on Huckleberry Loop with the labor and equipment costs. Maintenance has agreed to put up signs on the Township roads for Green Lake, Princeton, and St. Marie. Lauree also asked if we could work with Marquette County regarding dual signs. Brooks can speak with Columbia County to find out how they handled it.

Bike Signs

Discussion held regarding a sign policy, how many signs are needed, and what the cost would be to the county. Also, Brooks would need to review the township agreements. This will be brought back next month with costs, and more information.

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/Second (Moderow/Slate) to approve the August 12, 2015 vouchers for \$201,506.17. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

Financial Reports were reviewed.

DOT Request for Service

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve DOT Request for the Traffic Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$2,240.00. Motion Carried.

Functional Classifications

DOT met with the City of Berlin. There is nothing the City can do as they were moved from Urban to Rural due to the population being under 5,000. This will affect the County now as the City will be in the same pool of money for the STP Rural program.

Motion/second (Slate/Bernhagen) to approve the Proposed Functional Classification Changes. Motion Carried.

STP - Rural

Applications were due July 31, 2015. CTH D in the City of Princeton was submitted. If approved our estimated 20% portion would cost \$124,000.00 for the design and \$226,000.00 for construction. Construction is slated for FY 2020.

There will need to be an agreement with the City of Princeton as we are only responsible for the drivable portion of the road. The City of Princeton will be responsible for the curb and gutter, sidewalk, and anything else beyond the drivable portion.

The City of Berlin also submitted a project in the STP Rural program. The Commissioner had to rate all projects submitted within the County. The County project was rated 1 and 2 and the City of Berlin project was rated 3 and 4.

Deer Pick Up

Deer removal was taken out of the State budget and later put back in for State Highways only. The County and Townships are on our own. Discussion held on piggybacking on the State contract. Their contract is for \$8,388.00 annually.

The recorded deer picked up from July 2014-2015 was: County 114, State 172, and Cities/Towns 72.

This will be brought back next month with costs.

Sale of Paver Unit #580, Roller #587, and Dozer #355

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve auction bids of \$43,600.00 for the Roller #587; \$17,350.00 for the Paver #580; and \$66,500.00 for the Dozer #355. Motion carried.

Equipment Purchases

A Salt Brine Maker is needed as it has a crack in it. Cost is approximately \$12,000.00.

Approximate cost for a Forklift is \$25,000.00 for new; \$20,000.00 for used.

A Loader is needed because of safety issues; and we are currently looking into a chip spreader, approximate cost is \$250,000.00. Will bring back costs next month for Salt Brine Maker and Forklift.

Truck Equipment Change Order

Casper's has a modified version of the uniglide due to a lawsuit. It is tilted at a different angle. The angle does work better than the straight according to references. There are no additional costs associated with the change.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve the Truck Equipment Change Order at no cost. Motion carried.

Use of County Property

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Slate) to approve The Green Lake Senior Center for parking on August 27, 2015; to approve the Green Lake Half Marathon on September 6, 2015 for barricades; and to approve the Green Lake School District bonfire on September 23, 2015. Motion carried.

Near Miss Policy

Discussion held on a Near Miss Policy. This will be brought back to the committee after checking on what other counties are doing.

Funeral Support

Discussion held on the cost of sending one man and one truck to funerals. Personnel Policies and Procedures

regarding overtime was read and discussed. Discussion held on developing a policy for future situations in order to provide more guidance.

Performance Management Discussion

Discussion held on who would evaluate department heads.

Jurisdictional Transfer CTH Y from STH 73-Losinski Road

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve the Jurisdictional Transfer process of CTH Y from STH 73-Losinski Road. Motion Carried.

Railroad Consortium None

Standard Road Repair Policy

This will be brought back to committee next month after members review.

Committee Discussion

County crews have started CTH Y reconstruction; mowing ditches; bridge maintenance, culvert maintenance; surface maintenance; and moved for fair. Anticipated activities for the next three months include finishing CTH Y reconstruction; start CTH A reconstruction; crack filling on State; bridge and surface maintenance as needed; cutting trees and brush; mount plow equipment; install snow fence.

Permits issued in July were 1 Driveway/ROW, 1 Utility. Road Review/Project Status: CTH Y anticipate paving week of August 17th. CTH A prebid meeting with railroad on July 29, 2015. Bids due August 13, 2015, anticipated start date mid/end September. CTH I Bridge project received copies of Initial Environmental Coordination to DNR, Army Corps of Engineers.

July crash data consisted of 18 deer, 3 county damages, and 4 other.

Road funding options will be discussed more at the Ad Hoc Meeting.

Next Meeting Date September 9, 2015.

Future Items for action and discussion: Bike Signs; Deer Pick Up; Equipment Purchases; Near Miss Policy; Standard Road Repair Policy; Capital Outlay Goals, and Road Funding Options

Adjournment 7:30 pm.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence,
Secretary Highway Committee