

October 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, October 14, 2014. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt Absent:
Ben Moderow
Vicki Bernhagen
Rich Slate

Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Cory Campnell, Hwy Mechanic
Diane Meulemans, Corporation Counsel

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Slate/Moderow) to approve the Agenda after moving Item #23 to #11. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve the Minutes of 09/09/14. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comments

Brooks introduced Cory Campnell – Hwy Mechanic to the committee members.

Appearances None

DOT Request for Services None

CTH I Grand River Bridge Request for Proposal

Proposals received from Ayres Associates, Donohue, Mead & Hunt, AECOM, and Strand Associates for the Local Bridge Program. Brief presentations were heard from Richard Satterlee and Andrew Dana of Ayres Associates; Tammy Kuehlmann of Donohue; Angie Kerrigan and Gary Ruchti of Mead & Hunt; and Beth Nemec of AECOM.

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to approve AECOM as the first choice for the consulting firm, and Ayres Associates as the second choice for the consulting firm, and Donohue for the third choice for the consulting firm in the design of the CTH I Bridge over the Grand River. Motion Carried.

Road Funding Options

Slate handed out a list of “County Budget Considerations” regarding road funding. A brief discussion was held. Slate will get the power point regarding a road construction plan for the Town of Brooklyn, prepared by Northeast Asphalt.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to excuse Slate at 6:30 pm. Motion Carried.

Vouchers

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve the October 14, 2014 vouchers in the amount of \$377,083.40. Motion Carried.

Driveway Variance None

Building & Grounds Use

Brooks informed the committee that the Green Lake High School had their bon fire on county grounds which P&I, and the Highway Chairman were notified.

Committee Meeting Date/Time

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve changing the committee meeting from the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 5:30 pm to the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 pm in order to accommodate all members. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports

The Financial Reports, and the 2015 Highway Budget Summary approved by Finance was reviewed.

Fuel Contract

Fuel contracting was explained to the new committee members.

Overtime Policy

Overtime was discussed. It was recommended to change the Highway Department's current work week of Sunday through Saturday, to Monday through Sunday.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve changing the Highway Department work week to Monday through Sunday and to recommend approval to Personnel and County Board. Motion Carried.

Equipment Painting Estimates

Paint estimates were received from Futureworks, Inc., total \$15,820.00; Quality Truck Care Center total \$14,025.00, and Perfection Body & Paint total \$16,650.00 for Unit #500-Broom; Units #51 and #54 International Trucks.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve Quality Truck Care Center for \$14,025.00 for painting Units 500, 51 and 54. Motion Carried.

Sam Gaastra & Sons, Inc., Gravel Bid

Brooks explained that Sam Gaastra & Sons, Inc., was awarded the gravel bid for CTH A Reconstruction from CTH I to Tichora Road which will not be completed this year. Gaastra would like the county to purchase the gravel for this project as it was bid out and awarded. Discussion held on purchasing part or all of the gravel.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to purchase all 4,930 tons of gravel at a cost of \$19,424.00 which will be put into inventory. Motion Carried.

Bridge Inspector Pay

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve the Bridge Inspector pay of \$2.25 extra per hour for non-exempt employees while performing bridge inspections. Roll Call Vote – 3 ayes, 0 nays, (1) absent – Slate. Motion Carried.

Patrol Superintendent Interviews and Residency Requirement

Discussion held on the 2nd interview date and residency requirement regarding response time. A Special Meeting for the 2nd interviews will be November 5, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

Motion/second (Bernhagen/Moderow) to allow a 45 minute response time for the Patrol Superintendent Position. Motion Carried.

Implements of Husbandry Resolution

The Local Government Options to govern the Implements of Husbandry were discussed. Recommendation to go with Option E, Opt in §348.15(9)(f)2.a, and have a Resolution ready for County Board approval before January 2015.

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to approve a Resolution for Implements of Husbandry supporting Option E and to recommend approval to County Board. Motion Carried.

6 Year Improvement Plan None

2015 Budget None

Railroad Consortium None

Committee Discussion

Brooks reported crews were patching potholes; mowing; culvert and ditch work; CTH A reconstruction (Commercial Ave intersection); finished CTH S reconstruction; paving surface on CTH B and overlay on CTH D; finished PbM project STH 73. Anticipated activities include surface maintenance; rubber crack filling ; brushing/treeing; mount plow equipment; install snow fence.

September crash data consist of 29 deer, 11 other/weather, and 5 county damage claims.

Discussion held on the November Committee Meeting to meet prior to the County Board Meeting at the Government Center in the conference room next to the County Board Room.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:

- *Regular meeting date, November 12, 2014 at 5:30 pm*
- *Highway Department Capital Outlay for road construction and equipment*

Adjournment

Motion/second (Moderow/Bernhagen) to adjourn 7:50 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence,
Secretary