

November 14, 2011

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Eugene Henke at 9:00 AM on Monday, November 14, 2011. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Eugene Henke Absent:
Alma Hedberg
Donald Peters
Paul Schwandt

Others Present: Robert Podgorski, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Tony Daley, Berlin Newspapers
Loren Gaastra, Sam Gaastra & Sons
Lee Sixt, Town of Green Lake
Bonnie Podgorski, City of Oshkosh

Agenda

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Schwandt/Peters) to approve the meeting Minutes of October 10, 2011. Motion Carried.

Public Comments

Loren Gaastra, of Sam Gaastra & Sons, (Town of Mackford) questioned Highway Superintendents decision for getting 6 loads of gravel from Egbert Excavating whose bid was higher than Sam Gaastra & Sons, and Michels Material when doing a job in the Town of Mackford when Carew ran out of material.

Correspondence

Proceeds from Auction Associates for Sales of Truck 4 and Truck 35; Scott Walker, Governor Proclamation for Snowplow Driver Appreciation Day; and the WCHA Informer November/December 2011 Issue.

Appearances None

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Hedberg/Schwandt) to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$216,602.74. Motion Carried.

Commissioner's Report

Robert Podgorski reported the crew paved and shouldered bad spots on CTH S; replaced culvert on CTH K; fixed salt sheds; rubbersealed bridge ends; mowed county roads; harness trucks; centerlined county roads; and hauled cold patch. Crash data consisted of 66 deer, 13 other and 3 county damage reports.

DOT Request for Services None

WCHA 2012 Winter Conference, January 16, 17, 18 2012

Motion/second (Schwandt/Henke) to approve Henke and Peters to attend the WCHA 2012 Winter Conference, January 16, 17, 18, 2012. Motion Carried.

Signage in Memory of Edward & Lorraine Swanke

Letter from Roger Swanke was included in the committee packet. Podgorski explained this would cost the Highway approximately \$200.00.

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to approve the signage that reads "In Memory of Edward & Lorraine Swanke. Motion Carried.

Speed Limit Reduction CTH F/Broadway Street, City of Berlin

Letter from the Sheriff's Department was included in the committee packet recommending the current 35mph speed limit on Broadway Street between McKittrick Street and North Hunter Street, and on CTH F between North Hunter and 500' west of South Hunter, and 500' west of South Hunter Street to Thoma Lane all be reduced to 25mph. For safety purposes, Podgorski recommends Omni do a speed study for approximately \$2,000.00. Discussion held on sharing the cost with the City of Berlin.

Motion/second (Schwandt/Henke) to approve a speed study and share the cost with the City of Berlin. Roll Call Vote, 2 ayes, 2 nays (Peters/Hedberg).

Chair Henke resinds Hedbeg ney vote. Further discussion held regarding safety purposes and the need for a speed study.

2nd Motion/second (Schwandt/Henke) to approve a speed study and share the cost with the C Berlin. Roll Call Vote, 3 ayes, 1 nays (Peters).

Driveway Entrance, Town of Brooklyn

Podgorski informed committee members that he responded to Susan McConnell County Board Supervisor, District 11 regarding a request for information on the new driveway for the Town of Brooklyn Town Hall.

A letter from the Town of Brooklyn Chair, Mike Wuest requesting the county installing a street light at the entrance to the east power pole on CTH A.

Motion/Second (Schwandt/Peters) to forward Town of Brooklyn request for street light to P&I with a recommendation to not put a light up. Roll Call Vote - 3 ayes, 1 nay (Hedberg). Motion carried.

Equipment Analysis

The Committee reviewed the Equipment Analysis Report.

Expenditure/Revenue/Accounts Receivable Summary Report

The Committee reviewed the April Expenditure/Revenue Summary, and the Accounts Receivable Summary Reports.

Railroad Consortium

Henke stated that Green Lake County has 7 miles of track that the Consortium will have to fix within the next few years at an approximate cost of \$750,000 per mile. The donation the county makes to the Consortium amounts to 4%, the railroad pays 16%, and the state pays 80%.

Peters stated that the rate per car should be raised to \$3.00, then the county wouldn't have to subsidize the railroad. Peters requested that Chair Henke send him the notice of the next meeting held in January.

Fuel

The Energy Solution Partners Market Update was included in the committee packet regarding the recent run up in prices. Discussion was held.

Field Road Review None

Committee Discussion

Podgorski explained Carew ran out of gravel when 6 more loads of gravel was needed. The Superintendent went to Gaastra and no one was around in the pit, he then went to Michels and the pit was locked up. He went to Egbert Excavating and Gaastra was crushing at Egbert. Peters commented that we should compensate by getting 6 loads of gravel from Gaastra, and that the Superintendents to have Gaastra and Michels cell number instead of running all over. Also, the Commissioner requests that we get a letter from Sam Gaastra & Sons allowing us to load by ourselves in his pit.

Henke said we filled the Shop 2 potholes, but with the rain they need to be refilled.

Podgorski stated the person who stole our posts has a hearing today; and during the recent snow storm we had a break in at the women's bathroom, whoever entered the shop, and stole the pop money from the breakroom. Nothing else was taken.

Podgorski reported that he backed into Truck 33 while on CTH K and there was damage to the Commissioner Vehicle but not Truck 33.

- **Future agenda items for action and discussion:**
- **Regular meeting date: December 12, 2011 at 9:00 AM**

Closed Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Henke) to move into closed session under ss19.,85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; Review job applications for General Laborer and State Patrolman, and schedule interview dates.

Podgorski asked if Bonnie, his wife could stay in closed session.

Roll-Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Schwant excused at 12:30. Roll Call Vote, 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Resume Open Session

Motion/Second (Hedberg/Peters) to move into open session. Roll-Call Vote, 3 ayes, 0 nays, 1 Absent (Schwandt). Motion Carried.

Announce Findings of Closed Session

Podgorski handed a letter out to committee members, and announced his retirement as Highway Commissioner. Last day of work is January 11, 2012, the effective retirement date will be February 2, 2012.

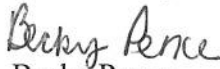
Motion/Second (Peters/Hedberg) to regretfully and reluctantly accept the Highway Commissioner's retirement letter.

Committee members reviewed job applications and set interview dates for General Laborer and State Patrolman positions for December 5th, 7th, and 8th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

Adjournment

Motion/second (Hedberg/Peters) to adjourn at 1:30 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,


Becky Pence
Secretary