

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Monday, June 20, 2016 at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:08 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford.

Members present were: Tom Cornford, Henry Esser, David Olson, Gerry Krachey and Derek Flansburgh. Also present were Commissioner Dennis Pelock, County Superintendent Randal Strnad and State Superintendent Todd Myers. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

Henry Esser made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

David Olson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Thursday, May 19, 2016, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Henry Esser made a motion to authorize payment for invoice vouchers: Vo#351-367, Vo #370-427 & Vo#430-446 and Payroll Vouchers: #368&369 & #428&429, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

#### **Guest Recognition:**

Jim Rosenberg, from SEH gave a presentation on their firm's qualifications for design services on future local road and bridge projects.

**Fund Balances:** The committee reviewed fund balances thru 6/4/16. Gerry Krachey made a motion to forgive Land Conservation invoice for repairing tree planter in the amount of \$261.45, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote. David Olson made a motion to transfer \$200,000.00 from CTH Funds to Building Account for the PdC Salt Shed, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

#### **State Trunk Highways:**

- WisDOT PdC Salt Building progress was discussed.
  - David Olson made a motion to approve the purchase of a 11KW natural gas generator with enclosure, automatic transfer switch, 5 yr. limited warranty, installation and setup from Electric Designs, Muscoda, WI in the amount of \$7,300.00 for the PdC Salt Shed, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote. Commissioner Pelock explained to the committee that the PdC Salt shed electricity will be tied into the PdC Shop so there is only one service for both buildings.
  - Discussed the possibility of getting a quote from Fahrner for epoxy to spray on walls for salt shed.
- PBM & DMA Contracts were discussed.
  - Henry Esser made a motion to approve the PBM Contract for STH 82, STH 35 & STH 82 West Intersection in the amount of \$80,489.00, and the PBM Contract for USH 61 – CTH W, STH 60 in the amount of \$52,870.72, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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- Gerald Krachey made a motion to approve the DMA Contract for STH 171, Gays Mills to US 61 in the amount of \$127,000.00, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**County Trunk Highways:**

- Renee Randall discussed her concerns on Coyote Lane with the committee. Renee asked if the easement was 66' on Coyote Lane? Commissioner Pelcok commented there is not any good documentation of the easement on Coyote Lane, but 66' sounded correct. Renee also wanted to know what gas tax is and how long it has been in effect? Commissioner Pelock explained to Renee that the Towns receive approximately \$2,200 per mile for maintenance and repairs for their Town roads, of course this does not cover all costs. The gas tax may have been in effect since 1940, not exactly sure on year. Renee then explained how she was told to go to the Town of Wauzeka clerk to find out where this money has been budgeted out. Renee figured the gas tax average of at least \$1,200 per year for 42+ years equals \$50,000+. There is maybe 20-25 years of mess from trees being trimmed and brush being pushed up to her fence, along with snowplows pushing miscellaneous up to her fence. Last year approximately one year ago there was a tornado that went through her property. She then went to Town of Wauzeka board meeting and asked Town Chairman Tom Jazdzewski and the board members if they could come out and view Coyote Lane and trim trees on easement. It was decided by the Town to have the County remove some of the debris and trees. The county removed a lot of debris and trees. Renee had told Superintendent Randy Strnad "I don't want to lose my beautiful trees" for a certain area of trees. So the county did not remove any more trees. She didn't realize that's why the County didn't remove any more trees, because she feels there still is a lot more trees to be removed and cleaned up. Renee then asked the board these questions: If a landowner has issues with a Town Board what can you do? Who can direct the Town to correct the issues and clean up the easement? Especially since this was due to a disaster, a tornado, she would like everything removed. The board explained it is best to go to your Town Board because the town roads are under their authority, not the county. After much discussion Commissioner Pelock said he would talk to the Town of Wauzeka Chairman.
- Ralph Losey owner of the old Pollock Farm on CTH C explained to the committee how he wants to build a new house on his property which will be set further back than the old farm house and prefers not to drive thru the barnyard to new house. They would prefer separate driveways since they have separate parcels for this property now. His niece will live in the old farm house and him & his wife will live in the new house once it is built. When he went out with County Superintendent Strnad they felt the safety issues and distance seemed to be ok for a new driveway to the location of the new house. However Commissioner Pelock is worried that the grade where he wants to put driveway is an issue and there are also safety concerns. Ralph had talked with Harless from Liberty Pole and he didn't feel there would be any issues with the grade/slope, etc. for new driveway. Gerry Krachey suggested to Commissioner Pelock to sit down with contractor and discuss the correct slope/grade and location for the driveway so there is no drainage or safety issues on CTH C.

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- ATV/UTV Routes – Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the ATV/UTV routes as listed below, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**Crawford County**

**ATV/UTV Routes:** Approved By Highway Committee on June 20, 2016

**County Trunk Highway**

**Section Description**

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**Town/Village/City Projects & Issues:**

- Sugar Creek Bridge & Approaches, Project ID: 5327-00-02/72 – Started working on this project on Wednesday, June 15, 2016.

**Local Projects & Bridges:**

- Iverson finished paving, capping and wedging CTH S and CTH W. This week starting on CTH E.
- Dave Olson made a motion to approve payment to The Kraemer Company for 2,200 ton of ¾" base at O'Connell Quarry, invoice amount \$132,000.00 for the CTH D project, Project ID: 12510 CHIP D, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- CTH N, Project ID: 5496-00-04 – Famechon Hill: Commissioner Pelock discussed with the committee the new Federal Funding for projects in/or bordering wetlands, DNR or Fish & Wildlife land. He would look into writing a grant for the County N project.

**Highway Buildings and Facilities:**

- Derek Flansburgh made a motion to approve the New Horizons LP contract, for the Steuben and Lynxville sites, for 3,500 gallons at \$.979 gallon, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- Gerry Krachey took the invoice from Corporate Counsel for \$67.50. This invoice should be billed to committee assignment, not highway. Gerry will take invoice to finance.

**Resolutions and Ordinances:**

- Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve changes to the ATV/UTV ordinance by Crawford County Corporate Counsel to make ordinance comply to allow routes on State Highways, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.
- Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the Transportation Resolution, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**Personnel and Personnel Issues:**

- Summer Employees – Gerry Krachey made a motion to hire another summer employee/college student for mowing (at the discretion of Highway Staff if they feel it's necessary), seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve release from one year probation for Doug Shaw effective June 29, 2016 and receive pay raise pending satisfactory evaluation, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**Bids, Proposals or Sales:**

- Commissioner Pelock discussed sweeper proposals with the committee. County will be looking into different options.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. Gerry Krachey made a motion to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. with no further business, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tom Cornford

Henry Esser

David Olson

Derek Flansburgh  
David Olson

Derek Flansburgh  
Committee

Henry Esser  
Commissioner