

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on September 23, 2015 at the Crawford County Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:00 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford. Members present were: Tom Cornford, Wade Dull, Henry Esser, Gerry Krachey and David Olson. Also present was Commissioner Dennis Pelock. Deanna Smith was present to take minutes.

The agenda was approved with a motion made by Gerry Krachey and seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from Thursday, August 20, 2015 was made by Gerry Krachey, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Invoice voucher numbers: 668-688 & 691-759 and payroll voucher numbers 666&667, 689&690 & 760&761 were authorized for payment with a motion made by Wade Dull, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Citizen Concerns: A question was asked about the CTH B sealcoating project. Commissioner Pelock explained that due to the change in the formula of asphalt, the material does not last as long as in the past. By sealcoating it, it preserves the life of the roadway.

Fund Balances through 8/29/15 were reviewed.

2016 Budget was presented. There was a \$91,110 increase from last year which consisted of the proposed wage increases and the highest premium option for health insurance. This is the "worst case" scenario. Henry Esser made a motion to approve the 2016 budget contingent on the wage settlement with the union and the yet to be determined health insurance coverage and forward to Finance for review and consideration, seconded by Wade Dull. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

At this time Deputy Corporation Counsel Michael Petersen entered the meeting. The committee addressed agenda item #19 – **Resolutions and Ordinances.** The committee reviewed the ordinance regarding borium and drill tech horse shoes. They also reviewed state statute 347.27 regarding lighting on buggies. After discussion, Gerry Krachey made a motion to forward the proposed ordinance to county board, seconded by Wade Dull. The motion carried by a voice vote.

County Trunk Highways:-

- ATV-UTV Routes – The committee discussed the safety concerns with ATV/UTV routes being used for poker runs. They'd like to seek out the Sheriff's input. To date, no map has been forwarded for ATV/UTV route consideration by the Highway Committee.

State Trunk Highways:

- WisDOT/Prairie du Chien Salt building - The commissioner is scheduled to meet next week with Greg Jewell to go over the final plans.

Town/Villages/City Projects & Issues:

- Town of Wauzeka Roads – The commissioner met with Town Chairman Tom Jazdzewski regarding that the roadways in the township are in proper condition for the winter season. The county had concerns over the remaining gravel roads on the town road systems maintained by the county for the town because of the damage to a truck while snowplowing this past season. The chairman gave the approval to blade all town roads this fall including Sprosty Hill Road.

Local Projects & Bridges:

- CTH D, Project ID: 12510 CHIP – County forces are currently extending the box culvert, cutting the bank and straightening the roadway.
- CTH C, Bridge B-12-0002 – Steve Steiner Construction continues to work on the bridge. The second abutment has been poured and the deck is being formed.

Highway Buildings and Facilities:

- Security Camera System – The committee reviewed an estimate for cameras and installation from Digital Security Systems. The cameras would be used at 2 - 4 locations to view weather conditions on county roadways. The company needed to review the system already in place at the Seneca location to determine if it could be used in conjunction with their system. If those cameras do not work, add \$2,849 to the original estimate of \$7,641.16. Ideally, cameras would be placed at a shop in the northern and southern part of the county. Or there is the possibility to tie in with a business. Juneau County Highway utilizes cameras already and finds them very useful. The estimated costs to complete the project would be \$10,491.00 for four locations if existing systems are compatible. David Olson made a motion to go ahead with the purchase of 3-4 cameras, seconded by Henry Esser. The motion carried with a roll call vote.
- Fuel System – OES reported that the State wants a sworn statement from someone that the underground tanks at Gays Mills have been removed. The commissioner said he can verify that and is willing to make the statement. They also will need to come to the site and do a metal detector test to certify that there is no longer any underground tanks remaining on the property.

County Parks & Communication Towers:

- Waysides – The state has closed its waysides. A motion was made by Henry Esser for the County to keep the waysides open until the late October, seconded by Wade Dull. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

- Communication Towers - Ron Amundson with ComElec was checking into simulcast between towers to improve communication dead zones. He will review the Sheriff's Department's equipment to see if we can be added. He should have the information by the next committee meeting.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve release from 6 month probation for Doug Frazier on September 30, 2015 pending evaluation, seconded by Tom Cornford. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Bids, Proposals or Sales:

- David Olson made a motion to approve selling two tractors/mowers & asphalt roller #585 after getting appraisals, seconded by Wade Dull. Motion was carried with a voice vote.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. At 10:10 a.m. with no further business, Wade Dull made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tom Cornford. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Tom Cornford

Wade P. Dull

David M. Krachey

Roy L. Egan

David Olson
Committee

Wade Dull
Commissioner