

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at the Crawford County Highway Department Conference Room in Seneca, 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, Henry Esser, Derek Flansburgh, David Olson and Gerry Krachey. Also present were Commissioner Dennis Pelock, State Superintendent Todd Myers and County Superintendent Dave Jones. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

**Committee Elections:** Henry Esser made a motion to nominate the same people as Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary: Chairman – Tom Cornford, Vice Chairman – David Olson and Secretary – Derek Flansburgh, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion passed unanimously.

Henry Esser made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Thursday, March 8, 2018 and Special Meeting minutes from April 5, 2018, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

David Olson made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers: Vo#132-167, 170-183, 186-241 and 244-255; and Payroll Vouchers: Vo#168, 169, 184, 185, 242 & 243, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

David Olson made a motion to approve paying the mileage reimbursement bill for \$55.00 to Commissioner Pelock for using his personal vehicle to go to a meeting at the WisDOT office in LaCrosse, WI, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**Recognition of Guest:** Elling Jones from Town of Haney was present for the ATV/UTV discussion. John Udelhoven, John Shimpa and Pat Murphy from the Crawford County ATV/UTV club were present, (see ATV/UTV Club discussion below).

**Fund Balances, Transfer of Funds, Invoice Adjustments – Past due accounts:**

- Fund Balances – The fund balances dated 4/7/2018 were reviewed.
- Commissioner Pelock explained the bill from Anderson Plumbing for \$4,307.00 for the repair of the pressure tank.
- A check for the 2016 Federal Highway flood repair work completed 9-21-16 to 3-20-17 in the amount of \$97,634.03 and a check for the 2016 Federal Highway flood repair work after 3-20-17 for \$191,457.80 were received. Commissioner Pelock explained to the committee how the state paid the full amount (instead of only eighty percent) so the county needs to reimburse the state back twenty percent. Gerry Krachey made a motion to deposit the two checks from the State of Wisconsin for Federal Highways 2016 flood repair work into the CTH Funds account and reimburse the state back the twenty percent they overpaid, then transfer the remaining amount into the CTH N – Famechon Hill Project #5496-00-04 account, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**State Trunk Highways:**

- PBM Contracts – The final totals for the PBM contracts will be discussed again with the state.
- Discretionary Maintenance Agreement #0072-04-80 Superstructure Washing (border bridge washing Marquette, IA & Lansing, IA) was discussed.
- Gerry Krachey made a motion to accept the PBM & DMA contracts, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.
- State Superintendent Todd Myers explained to the committee the large hole that was found and fixed on STH 171.

**County Trunk Highways:**

- ATV/UTV Club – John Udelhoven, John Shimpa and Pat Murphy board members of the Crawford County ATV/UTV Club discussed with the committee many items:
  - The number of roads opened up in other counties
  - More county roads be opened up for ATV/UTV use
  - CTH E from STH 60 to STH 131 – The club wants this road open so club members and people from other counties can park their vehicles and trailers at the bottom of CTH E and intersection of STH 60, then ride up CTH E to the trails. The Committee/Commissioner is concerned about opening this road due to the large volume of traffic. This is a real safety concern. Club would also like CTH B, CTH J & CTH C opened.
  - Marietta Valley – STH 60 to Plainview.
  - John Udelhoven spoke with Clayton & Utica Town Chairman and said they both want all their township roads opened.
  - Gerry Krachey wants an addition to the county ordinance regarding "No Open Intoxicants on any ATV/UTV". The entire committee agreed. Grant County just approved this addition to their ordinance.
  - The club explained that all ATV/UTV riders need to have: drivers license, seat belts in tack, lights on, most have roll bars if ATV/UTV is under 2,000 lbs. (If heavier than 2,000 lbs. its considered a tractor and cannot legally be on the ATV/UTV routes.)
  - The signage was discussed. Commissioner Pelock explained to the club that the signage was not correct according to WisDOT.
  - Gerry Krachey entertained a motion to have Commissioner Pelock and the three ATV/UTV Club board members present today to meet and discuss additional routes and any additional changes that are needed, so this can get finalized, no second. Then bring back the changes to the committee for final approval at the next Highway meeting.

**County Trunk Highways:**

- ATV/UTV Club – (continued)
  - The three ATV/UTV Club boards members present apologized to Commissioner Pelock for the letter that was sent out by an uniformed member of the club. They said they will write a retraction letter and send it out immediately to all club members.
- Rustic Roads – Gerry Krachey made a motion to draft a resolution to make CTH D a Rustic Road, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.
- FEMA 4288 – Discussed Commissioner Pelock helping the Town of Freeman with FEMA.

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

- Beiderman Hill Road, Gran Grae Creek Bridge #B-12-0185 – Once it thaws, the approaches should be able to be finished. The DNR has allowed the county to put up a channel by Stram's.

**Local Projects & Bridges:**

- Local Bridge Program – Commissioner Pelock explained to the committee that he had to resubmit the bridge applications a second time.
- CTH C, Conway Valley Creek Bridge #B-12-0193, Project ID: 5001-00-01/71 – The new state/municipal agreement total is for \$451,750.07 with a maximum of state/federal funds of \$363,030.00. David Olson made a motion to approve the new project agreement, seconded by Gerry Krachey. The county will do the abutments. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- CTH N, Project ID: 5496-00-04 – Famechon Hill – Dave Olson made a motion to give Commissioner Pelock permission to solicit contracts for land acquisitions and then to approve the contract most advantageous to the county, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- CTH S, Kickapoo River Bridge #B-0018, Project ID: 5057-00-00/70 – Henry Esser made a motion to approve the contract amendment from Ayres Associates for an increase of \$3,742.00, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- CTH U, Plum Run Creek Bridge #B-0194, Project ID; 5527-00-00 – All brush has been cut. Will start approaches soon – weather permitting.

**Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:**

- ID Maker – The county went in with two other counties on a grant and got an ID maker. Highway can use it anytime, for approximately \$2.00 per badge.

**County Parks, Public Boat Landing, and Communication Towers & Equipment:**

- Boat Landing - State Superintendent Todd Myers talked to two companies: Newts and Brennan Construction about giving the county a bid for fixing the boat landing. Neither company wanted to bid, since they are both out of the area on jobs. Another company, Water Works from LaCrosse, WI contacted

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- Boat Landing (continued):  
State Superintendent Todd. They were the company that was working at the dam last year. If they were in the area they would charge \$3,000 for spud and installation. The committee suggested contacting Water Works to complete the project and then bring in the bill.

**Personnel and Personnel Issues:**

- Highway Maintenance Worker – The committee reviewed and discussed the applications. The committee suggested the Highway Commissioner and Superintendents review applications and then choose the final applicants to interview.

**Bids, Proposals or Sales:** (continued)

- Sale of #266 '64 Cat Crawler (dozer) – The committee suggested putting it on the Wisconsin Surplus Auction if the broker can't sell it. Also put on the auction: #585 roller, old generator #461, old dump box and any other misc. items.

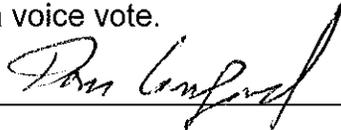
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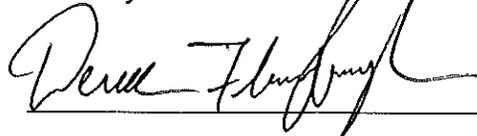
- Variance for Clay Bunders – Wait until it dries up and send Clay another letter.

**Misc. Business:**

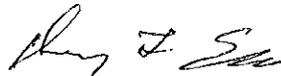
- The committee said when the County Board Chairman closes all the county offices, if the office workers want to stay and work it is up to their discretion. There is no policy against any employee staying to work.
- Eastside of STH 35 from Prairie du Chien to CTH K – Todd Myers State Highway Superintendent discussed the issue in this area where the trees were cut. Once the vegetation grows it will cover the area, and the crews will be mowing prior to 4<sup>th</sup> of July which will chop up the misc. chunks and debris.
- Dave Troester will contact Highway Department when they are going to burn the area by the damn, so someone from the Highway can be there with the water truck.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. At 10:58 a.m., with no further business, Gerry Krachey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

  
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