

August 16, 2018

Regular Meeting Minutes

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Crawford County Highway Department Conference Room in Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:03 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford.

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

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Monday, July 23, 2018, seconded by Tom Cornford. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Derek Flansburgh made a motion to authorize payment of Invoice Vouchers: Vo#516-535 & 538-592; and Payroll Vouchers: Vo#514, 515, 536 & 537, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Tom Cornford made a motion to approve paying all bills from Aeri Roberts, AJ Appraisals for the CTH N Project. The previous appraisal price was \$1,200 per appraisal, Aeri has reduced this amount to \$1,000 per appraisal due to the number of appraisals needed, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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

- Fund balances were reviewed thru 7/28/18.

State Trunk Highways:

- **PBM Contracts** – The STH 27 PBM sealcoat project from Eastman to Seneca is finished, except for the final paint job.
- **ATV/UTV** – Commissioner Pelock handed out to the committee a trail summary report he received from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Commissioner Pelock explained the items that were approved by the WisDOT and what else needs to be done. He will follow up with the club and WisDOT.
- **STH 131 – Speed Limit** – Harry Heisz, President of the Village of Gays Mills joined the meeting. He discussed the letter the Village of Gays Mills had sent to Commissioner Pelock. The letter is a request to lower the speed limit on STH 131 north from Main Street to Brockway Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph. Harry discussed some accidents in this area and some close calls with cars and pedestrians. Henry Esser made a motion to approve the Village of Gays Mills lowering the speed limit on STH 131 north from Main Street to Brockway Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote. Commissioner Pelock will forward the letter from the Village of Gays Mills to the WisDOT District Director, Angela.

County Trunk Highways:

- **CTH D - Wing Wall** – The wing wall on the bridge at the intersection of STH 35 and CTH D is in need of repair. The state bridge inspector discussed the issues with Commissioner Pelock. The county may need to get bids for this project.

County Trunk Highways: continued

- **CTH E - Right of Way post removal** – The Commissioner explained that prior to the last highway meeting several posts were removed. There are no more right of way posts on this section than on any other section. It is legal for the County to mark the right of way along any county road, since the right of way is county owned land.
- **CTH C** - Discussed the small parcel the county may want to deed to adjacent landowner on Chellevoid Road off CTH C.
Also, discussed the bridge on CTH C that needs to have some rebar work done.

Town/Village/City Projects & Issues:

- Town of Bridgeport – Discussed the Request of Records letter the Town of Bridgeport received in regards to the Vineyard project from the attorney for Crossing River Hospital that was forwarded to Corporate Counsel Mark Peterson. Commissioner Pelock also received a request of records from the attorney for Crossing Rivers Hospital regarding the Town of Bridgeport Vineyard project.

Local Projects & Bridges:

- **Local Bridge Program** – Art Sommerfield with WisDOT told Commissioner Pelock that the SMA's for the local bridge program should come out this week.
- **CTH C, Johnson Creek Bridge #B-12-0181, Project ID: 5001-00-70** – This project is completed.
- **CTH N, FLAP Project ID: 5496-00-04 – Famechon Hill** –
Closed Session: At 9:31 a.m. David Olson made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Section: 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate on and approve offering prices on CTH N, FLAP Project ID: 5496-00-04, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
Open Session: At 10:13 a.m. David Olson made a motion for the committee to move into open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.
No motions made in closed session.
The committee also discussed different options for the 42,000 cu. yards of waste there will be from this CTH N project – this was tabled until the next meeting.
- **CTH U, Plum Run Creek Bridge #B-12-0194, Project ID: 5527-00-00** – This is a State project and will possibly start late September. Concrete Structures, Inc. is the contractor for this project.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- **Hail Damage** – Will discuss with the claims adjustor the hail damage to the siding on several buildings.
- **Salt Shed Rafters** – The rafters need to be repaired. The salt has rusted off alot of the metal plates on the rafters. The plates were not tarred.
- **Printer Contract** – Committee declined to purchase a service contract.
- **Service Truck – Cell Phone Update**– State Superintendent Todd Myers redid the cell phone plan and the cost went down and the new service truck cell phone was a free promotional phone.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- **Highway Maintenance Worker**
CLOSED SESSION - At 10:46 a.m. Tom Cornford made a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Section: 19.85 (1)(c) to discuss and review applications and possibly select candidates for the Highway Maintenance Worker position, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.
OPEN SESSION - At 11:07 a.m. David Olson made a motion to move into open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2), seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The committee selected four candidates to interview if they meet the position requirements. Also, Commissioner Pelock will need to arrange with Duane Rogers a meeting with the personnel committee and highway committee for interviews to be held at the Highway Department in Seneca.

Misc. Business:

- Information was handed out to the committee members for the Bureau of Indian Affairs conference which will be held November 6th and 7th, 2018.

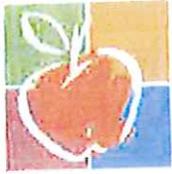
The date for the next regular meeting is Thursday, September 20, 2018. At 11:23 a.m., with no further business, David Olson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tom Cornford
Derek Flansburgh

David Olson
 Committee

Derek Flansburgh

David Pelock
 Commissioner



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August 10, 2018

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the Village of Gays Mills Board. Please consider the request of lowering the speed limit on State Highway 131 north from Main Street to Brockway Drive from 45 mph to 35 mph.

The Village board discussed and approved on July 5, 2018 to begin the process once again of requesting the speed limit to be lowered on State Highway 131.

In 2015 the Village requested DOT to complete a speed limit study for State Highway 131 north from main Street to Brockway Drive and for State Highway 171 west of the Kickapoo River Bridge to just beyond West Point Road with the intentions of seeking the speed limits to be lowered.

Back in 2009 the village received a petition from 77 residents to reduce the speed limit north of the Village on State Highway 131 with a request sent to DOT.

Since the relocation of parts of the residential and commercial districts of Gays Mills north of the former downtown, the grocery store, library and other businesses are now located in this area, the population density has increases as well as pedestrian traffic along Highway 131. The Village Board would like to avert collisions between vehicles, pedestrians, and bicyclists before tragedy strikes. The current speed limit would certainly cause grievous injury to people if such an unfortunate incident did occur. Also lowering the speed limit would benefit the merging traffic from the side street onto the State Highway.

The Gays Mills Village Board is very concerned for the safety of the residents and visitors to Gays Mills. Please provide us with the support of requesting the Speed Limit to be lowered on State Highway 131.

Sincerely,

Harry Heisz
Village President

