

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Thursday, December 21, 2017 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, County Superintendent Dave Jones and State Superintendent Todd Myers. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

Henry Esser made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes for Thursday, November 16, 2017, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to authorize payment for invoice vouchers: Vo#881-888, 891-901, 903-918 & 921-978; and payroll vouchers: Vo #889, 890, Longevity 902, 919 & 920, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of Guests/Presentations –

- Leah Rhodes, Bridge Team Leader from MSA discussed the professional services MSA has to offer.
- Chris Blum, Bridge Manager from SEH discussed how his company is full service from start to finish.
- Robert (Bob) Hanifl was present to discuss WisDOT information. (See State Trunk Highways).

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

- Fund Balances dated 12/2/17 was reviewed.
- Henry Esser made a motion to transfer funds from CTH to pay the invoice billed to 12NR.EVENTS for the fire on Wall Ridge in the amount of \$486.53, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- Commissioner Pelock let the committee know that the patronage check received from New Horizons was \$1,875.99.
- Due to budget adjustments - The committee discussed the possibility of not where cuts may be made in the departments operations and services.

State Trunk Highways:

- Robert (Bob) Hanifl from WisDot explained that WisDOT came in on budget for 2017. Then he discussed the following state projects:
 - 2018 Projects are: STH 35, from CTH N – Lynxville and the North half of STH 61.
 - Projected 2019 Project: Mondell Hill into Prairie du Chien.
 - Performance Based Maintenance probably around \$225,000.
 - 2018 Routine Maintenance Agreement was signed.
 - STH 27 (Cipra Lane – Eastman) was discussed.
 - STH 35 (USH 18 – Mooney St.) was discussed.

County Trunk Highways:

- FEMA 4343 – Met with FEMA on Wednesday for the 2017 event.
- FEMA 4288 – From 2016 event starting to receive some checks
- CTH K – The application was submitted for mill and overlay past Dillmans' and Prairie Sand & Gravel. The application was not approved at the last Commissioners Meeting. The money went to Grant and Juneau Counties. The committee decided to submit thru Local Road Improvement Program, CHIP Project for Crawford County. Henry Esser made a motion to approve submitting an application for the CTH K mill & overlay as a CHIP Project, thru the local LRIP Program, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- CTH K – Wildlife Viewing Area – Henry Esser made a motion to move ahead with the CTH K Wildlife Viewing area and the county will do the signage and other necessary activities, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- There was an issue on CTH S during tree removal on the right of way. After the committee discussed the issue, Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve having county forces deliver several loads (amount of loads determined by the land owner) of fire wood to the Mushel property in place of the trees that were cut beyond the CTH S right of way on private land, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Town/Village/City Projects & Issues:

- **Beiderman Hill Road, Gran Grae Creek Bridge #B-12-0185** – This project is moving along as planned.

Local Projects & Bridges:

- **CTH C, Conway Valley Creek Bridge #B-12-0193, Project ID: 5001-00-01/71:** David Olson made a motion to approve the relocation order, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote. The committee reviewed the two proposals from MSA and Jewell Associates for Right of Way Acquisitions. Henry Esser made a motion to approve the Right of Way Negotiating Contract from Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$3,400.00, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote. David Olson made a motion to approve the offering price of \$2,370.00 per acre, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- **CTH C, Johnson Creek Bridge #B-0181, Project ID: 5001-00-70** – Larson Construction did a nice job on this project. It is now open and graveled for winter.
- **CTH N, Famechon Hill, Project ID: 5496-00-04** – This project is set for 2019. The FLAP Contract was recently received and it was signed today by Tom Cornford, Highway Chairman. Henry Esser made a motion to approve the Contract Amendment #1 from Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc., the Contract Amendment #1 is for an increase of \$172,467.01, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Local Projects & Bridges: (continued)

- **CTH N, Famechon Hill, Project ID: 5496-00-04: (continued)**
The committee decided to look at logging the 8 acre parcel that is county owned on CTH N along the project.
- **CTH S, Kickapoo River Bridge, Project ID: 5057-00-00/70** – Henry Esser & Tom Cornford discussed the PIM Meeting they attended on Thursday, November 30.
- **CTH U, Plum Run Creek, Project ID: 5527-00-00** – The bridge cost has increased \$200,000 to \$250,000 over estimate. The original contract was for \$305,107, plus additional project costs. WisDOT amount totaled \$305,000 with approximately \$50,000 being the Countys' cost. Now with increased amounts, the cost to the county will be approximately \$250,000.00. The additional costs were discussed by Commissioner Pelock with Mike Banaszak from WisDOT. They discussed having the county forces do the approach work on the approximate 400 ft. of bridge approaches and the county assume the cost. This project has advanced to a 2018 project.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve WisDOT pay for the bridge work and the county forces do the bridge approaches and county assume the cost, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the Relocation order, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

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Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve the offering price of \$2,370.00 per acres, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- When the Steuben shop was torn down, the trusses, I-beams and a few perlins were saved. Discussed building a free standing lean-too off the back of the truck & equipment storage building out back, which would be used for storage of additional equipment. The only materials that would need to be purchased is some concrete, tin and a few perlins. County forces will complete the project. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve building a lean too back off the back of the big building out back, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- Gerry Krachey made a motion to release undisclosed employee from probation on December 26, 2017, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Bids, Proposals or Sales:

- Gundersen Contracts – Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve both the Eye Safety Glass contract and the Drug Testing contract thru Gundersen Clinic, but need to verify the safety glass cost and if costs have increased, then the committee will raise the employee reimbursement cost for a pair of prescription safety glasses, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.
- Sealcoat Chips Bids – Price includes delivery to Seneca or Soldiers Grove:
Fahrner Asphalt - Washed Granite Chips - 3/8" \$35.58 ton, 1/4" \$38.08 ton
Scott Construction – Fractured Granite Chips – 3/8" & 1/4" both \$36.75 ton
Henry Esser made a motion to purchase chips from the company most advantageous to the county, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Sales, Road Supplies, Junk, etc.:

- David Olson made a motion to approve the sale of the Conveyor #540 and the Hopper #541 to Richland County Highway Department for \$30,000.00, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion approved by voice vote.

Miscellaneous Business:

- The committee said it was ok to disperse of the old phones at the Highway Department, they were replaced by the new phone system.
- The issues with the new Freightliner were discussed.
- Problems with Commissioner Pelocks' computer were discussed. It was decided if Derek Flansburgh or Dependable Solutions could not fix the problem, then go to public property for a new computer.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, January 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. At 10:53 a.m., with no further business, Gerry Krachey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

David Olson

Derek F. Flansburgh

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Committee

Tom Cornford

Wendy Schul

Henry L. Esser

Commissioner