

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on February 19, 2015 at the Highway Office Conference Room in Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:30 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford. Members present were: Tom Cornford, David Olson, Gerald Krachey, Henry Esser and Wade Dull. Also present was Commissioner Dennis Pelock and State Superintendent Todd Myers. Deanna Smith was present to take minutes.

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

Minutes from the last meeting on January 19, 2015 were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Henry Esser, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Invoice voucher numbers: 7-15, 18-43 & 46-101 and Payroll voucher numbers 16/17 & 44/45 along with the 2014 Payments by Journal Entry were approved with a motion made by Gerry Krachey, seconded by David Olson to authorize payment. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

In Citizen's Concerns – Henry Esser had received a request for the January bids to be in a bigger font.

Fund Balances – The preliminary December 2014 fund balances were reviewed. Henry Esser made motion to approve the transfer of funds from CTH for the mutual aid provide for the Fisher fire of \$1251.10, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

State Truck Highways:

The Prairie du Chien salt shed is on schedule for 2016.

The state issued a permit to cut a driveway in the existing guardrail on STH 179. The commissioner requested that corporation counsel draft a letter with a hold-harmless agreement due to concerns of an accident and liability issue at the sight. The agreement has been signed by the state. The work will be scheduled.

Towns/Village/City Projects & Issues:

A truck was damaged while plowing Sprosty Hill Road in the Town of Wauzeka. The road is out of shape and the box twisted. To date almost \$8000 has been spent repairing the truck. This does not include the labor to put the truck back together. This is not the first vehicle damaged on this roadway. After discussion, the committee advised the commissioner to notify the Town of Wauzeka board at their next meeting that the county is considering not plowing next winter season.

Discussion followed on the width of the Sugar Creek bridge & approaches, Project ID: 5327-00-02/72. David Olson expressed concerns that the town board would not approve an additional 8' for a bike lane. The commissioner said he would check into a possible 30' or less option instead of 32'.

Local Projects & Bridges:

CTH N, Project 5496-00-04 - Famechon Hill was discussed. The commissioner reported that the borings have been completed with the exception of one site on the north side.

The committee stopped at 10:00 a.m. and considered tractor bids. The following came into the meeting at this time: Cory Folbrecht, Shop Superintendent, George Kinney – Simpson’s Tractors, Jason Miller & Randy Miller – St. Joseph Equipment, Mike Freed – Finney Implement, and Dave Mergen – Sloan’s Implement. The following information was presented.

Tractor Bids
2/19/2015

Dealer	Tractor	Price	Trade-in Allowance	Warranty	Additions - Subtractions
FINNEY IMPLEMENT	C-IH MAXXUM 145T4B	\$72,985/TRACTOR	\$25,000	STANDARD 2YR.	ADD: \$895 FOR 38" TIRES
ST. JOSEPH EQUIP.	C-IH MAXXUM 150T4B	\$77,400/TRACTOR	\$17,500	STANDARD 2YR.	ADD: \$1500 FOR 38" TIRES, \$3200 3 MMV MID MOUNT VALVE, \$850 ENGINE SIDE RAILS, \$1900 2 MMV MID-MOUNT VALVE
SIMPSONS TRACTOR	NEW HOLLAND T6 175 PLUS PKG.	\$86,239/TRACTOR	\$28,000	STANDARD 2YR.	SUBTRACT: \$800 FOR 34" TIRES ADD: \$600 FOR ENGINE SIDE RAILS
SIMPSONS TRACTOR	NEW HOLLAND T6 175 VALUE PKG.	\$84,339/TRACTOR	\$28,000	STANDARD 2YR.	SUBTRACT: \$800 FOR 34" TIRES ADD: \$600 FOR ENGINE SIDE RAILS
SIMPSONS TRACTOR	NEW HOLLAND T6 180	\$89,439/TRACTOR	\$28,000	STANDARD 2YR.	SUBTRACT: \$800 FOR 34" TIRES, ADD: \$600 FOR ENGINE SIDE RAILS
SLOAN IMPLEMENT	JOHN DEERE 6140M	\$88,900/TRACTOR	\$15,500	STANDARD 2YR./2000HR.	CAN ONLY DO 38" TIRES
SLOAN IMPLEMENT	JOHN DEERE 6140R	\$97,000/TRACTOR	\$15,500	STANDARD 2YR./2000HR.	CAN ONLY DO 38" TIRES

At 10:15 a.m. Gerry Krachey made a motion to move into CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(e) to deliberate on consideration of bids for equipment, seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Henry Esser at 11:03 a.m. to move into OPEN SESSION pursuant to Section 19.85(2), seconded by David Olson. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Wade Dull made a motion to accept the bid from Finney Implement for 2 (two) Case-IH Maxxum tractors with 34" tires for \$72,985.00 each with the addition of the fuel tank guard for \$172.00 each and the extend life brake discs for \$177.00 each, with no trade in, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Local Projects & Bridges: (continued)

A public informational meeting for CTH E, Project ID: 5002-01-03/73 will be held on March 2, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department conference room. Borings have been completed on the project. The committee approved obtaining estimates for the cost to lower the road in two areas at the Plainview & Pleasant Mound Road intersections.

Personnel & Personnel Issues:

Summer college applications will be considered at next month's meeting.

The committee discussed the possibility of hiring a part-time employee to mow in the summer and then reduce the number of college students hired.

The committee declined to reimburse an employee for damage to his personal property while at work.

The commissioner informed the committee that an employee has resigned and the hiring process has been started.

Tim Feyen, Feyen Machinery, had sent information on a loader he has for sale. The information was reviewed by the committee.

Henry Esser inquired about creating a parking lot on the southeast side of the conference room.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. At 11:30 a.m. with no further business, Gerry Krachey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Tom Crawford

David Olson

Wade Dull

Henry Esser

Wade Dull

Committee

Commissioner