

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on May 21, 2015 at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Tom Cornford at 9:32 a.m. Proof of Publication was verified by Tom Cornford. Members present were: Tom Cornford, David Olson, Henry Esser and Gerald Krachey. Wade Dull was absent. Also present was Commissioner Dennis Pelock and State Highway Superintendent Todd Myers. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

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

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 17, 2015 and May 14, 2015 was made by David Olson, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

Invoice voucher numbers: 255-277, 280-356 & 359-365 and Payroll voucher numbers 253&254, 278&279 & 357&358 were approved with a motion made by Henry Esser, seconded by David Olson to authorize payment. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

Fund Balances were reviewed - According to Tom Cornford and Gerry Krachey the Highway Department should be receiving the past due amount from the Sheriff's Department for the radio tower garage doors. Henry Esser made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from CTH for the mutual aid provided for the Schwartz fire in the amount of \$322.80, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote.

#### State Trunk Highways:

On May 28, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. there will be a 90% Planning Meeting on STH 18 in LaCrosse and they will also be discussing the WisDOT/Prairie du Chien salt shed.

WisDOT PDC Salt Shed - Fred Gruber gave a report on the status of the PdC Salt Shed design.

Monday, May 18, 2015, Commissioner Pelock met with Rose Phetteplace & Jim Huesh with WisDOT. They discussed discretionary maintenance agreements. Todd Myers explained he had just talked to Pete Strachan from WisDOT today. We will now have \$100,000 to be used for Gabian failure on STH 35 and maybe a sealcoat on STH 27 from Seneca to Mt. Sterling.

#### County Trunk Highways:

- CTH S – Larry Siker is very interested in buying 3 acres from the county on CTH S. The commissioner will find out the value of this parcel and check with corporate counsel.
- ATV-UTV Route Requests – John Udelhoven and John Shimpa from the Crawford County Ridge Runners spoke to the committee and showed the committee a map of the county, town and village roads in the route. They explained that when all of the roads in a towns are opened up, then the town doesn't need to do much paperwork with the State or DNR. According to John Udelhoven and John Shimpa they want everyone to understand it is for people 16 years or older with drivers license, 35 mph speed limit,

County Trunk Highways (cont.):

- ATV-UTV Route Requests (cont.) – all drivers need to have taken the 4 wheeler course, under 18 require helmet, ATV/UTV will need license plate, everyone needs to obey all DNR laws. The group would be responsible for all signage. They have already signed Towns of Marietta, Steuben and Clayton. Town of Scott was voting on it tonight at their meeting, Village of Wauzeka will be signing soon, according to members. Village of Soldiers Grove and Town of Seneca both said yes, but are not signed up yet. Crawford County Tourism will try to draw up a map showing all routes. The municipalities have total control of what roads they do or do not want routes on. Commissioner Pelock previously talked with corporate counsel about the ATV/UTV routes, he was told the county is not responsible for the liability, but he needs to check with the county's insurance company. Dennis asked when the group felt all the towns would be on board. John said they couldn't answer that. They've had a lot of town meetings, and a lot more to go. The committee tentatively approved by consensus, (if the liability insurance and other issues check out), but will put back on the agenda for the June 18, 2015 meeting. Gerry Krachey definitely wants the signage to have dates on them like snowmobile routes have. With start and end date, like November or December 1 thru March or April 1 all routes will closed. ATV/UTV riders CANNOT ride on any roads that are not signed. A decision will be made by the committee at a future meeting.

Local Projects & Bridges:

CTH C, Project ID: 54380 – The bridge replacement bids were opened. Bids were as follows, lowest to highest: Steve Steiner Construction \$106,953.60; Concrete Structures, Inc. \$161,286.50; and Brennan Construction Co. \$183,791.00. David Olson made a motion to approve the low bid from Steve Steiner Construction at \$106,953.60, seconded by Gerry Krachey. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

CTH S Bridge P-12-0109, Project ID: B-12-0190 – Fred Gruber explained they are onto the preliminary bridge design, and that he has been talking with the insurance company for Big Gain.

Personnel & Personnel Issues:

After doing driver's license checks and checking with previous employers, it was suggested to only interview 5 applicants instead of the 6 previously selected by the committee. The entire committee agreed to eliminate one applicant and only interview five.

Bids, Proposals or Sales:

Henry Esser made a motion to list with Wisconsin Surplus #140 truck, which is old, no box & hoist, used to have intinuator on it, runs good, but rusty; and the older pressure washer. Also, sell to Town of Scott the stainless sander hopper, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a roll call vote

Variance Requests:

- Henry Esser made a motion to reconsider variance for JR McGraw, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote. JR McGraw was present. JR McGraw already has \$10,000 worth of materials in project. Trailer was set back 34' previous variance was 30', so he does have 4' left and still needs another 8', according to Dennis

Variance Requests (cont.):

Pelock. The committee has the option to issue a citation for \$10.00 to \$200.00 for going ahead with building prior to receiving an approved setback variance. Another option is to attach a revocable occupancy permit if 50% of structure is damaged, variances would be revoked. Gerry Krachey made a motion to approve a setback variance permit to JR McGraw with the attachment of the Revocable Occupancy Permit, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

- David Olson made a motion to approve a variance request for Adam Emerson on CTH B for septic system to be approximately 10' from right of way setback, house will be far enough back, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, June 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca, WI. There will be a special meeting with the Personnel Committee on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Administration Building in Prairie du Chien, WI. At 11:12 a.m. with no further business, Gerald Krachey made a motion to adjourn, seconded by David Olson. Motion was carried by a voice vote.

David Olson

Tom Conford

Wal Dull

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Henry L. Esser  
Committee

David J. Krachey  
Commissioner