

The Crawford County Highway Committee held their regular meeting on Friday, January 20, 2017 at the Crawford County Highway Department 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, Gerry Krachey and Derek Flansburgh. David Olson was excused. Also present were Commissioner Dennis Pelock, State Superintendent Todd Myers and County Superintendent Dave Jones. Julie Check was present to take minutes.

Gerry Krachey made a motion to amend the November 17, 2016 meeting minutes to read: Next Regular Meeting will be held Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., and approve the meeting minutes from Thursday, December 15, 2016 and Special Meeting Minutes from December 22, 2016, seconded by Henry Esser. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Henry Esser made a motion to authorize payment for 2016 invoice vouchers: Vo #1015-1028, Vo#1031-1038, VP#1039-1054, VP#1057-1116 and 2017 Invoice Vouchers: Vo#3-11; and 2016 Payroll Vouchers: Vo #1029 & 1030, VP#1055 & 1056 and 2017 Payrolls Vouchers: Vo#1 & 2, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Recognition of Guest:

- Jeremy Krachey and Brad Schroeder from Team Engineers were here for the OPM Meeting (see information below under Local Projects and Bridges).
- John Udelhoven and Jon Shimpa from the Crawford County ATV/UTV Club were present (see discussion below under County Trunk Highways – ATV/UTV Routes).

Citizen Concerns: Discussion on private drives (see Winter Maintenance below).

Fund Balances: Fund Balances were reviewed thru 12/3/16. Commissioner Pelock discussed winter maintenance costs. We are fortunate November was a good month. December 1, 2016 thru January 18, 2017 winter maintenance costs were \$822,892.40. The recent ice storm Jan. 16-18, 2017 winter maintenance costs were \$174,861.97. These totals include labor, equipment and materials.

Winter Maintenance Activities:

- Policy on Non-Public Roads (Private Drives) – Winter maintenance on private drives can be done by the county, towns or villages according to state statutes. They will be charged accordingly for labor, equipment and materials. For emergency issues on county or state highways, a truck will dispatch immediately. Private drives have to be approved by the town or village. The citizen is given the name and phone number of their town chairman or village president when they call into the highway office with concerns or questions on plowing of their private drive.

County Trunk Highways:

- ATV/UTV Routes – John Udelhoven and Jon Shimpa from the Crawford County ATV/UTV Club discussed with the committee the routes they would like to have approved for access routes:
 - CTH E from Lynxville to STH 27
 - CTH E to Progressive Ridge
 - CTH S on North Halls Branch
 - CTH W – Barnum to Mt. Zion – no routes out, due to Haney not approving any ATV/UTV routes. ATV/UTV ordinance was voted down at Haney’s election.

Further discussion on CTH E, CTH W, CTH S and North Clayton to STH 131 on CTH X and State Trunk Highways. Gerry Krachey explained that during his conversation with WisDOT they were informed that State Trunk Highways can only be used to connect route to route. State Trunk Highways CAN NOT be used to get to places of business. The committee will further discuss this after Commissioner Pelock talks or meets with someone from WisDOT.

- Flood Event 9/21/16 – Department is submitting claims for damages from the event to FEMA and FHWA.

Local Projects & Bridges:

- CTH C - Project ID:5001-00-01/71, McManus Road – Latham Road, (Conway Valley Creek Bridge and Approaches) – Operational Planning Meeting was conducted by Jeremy and Brad, engineers with Team Engineering. They went through the spec sheet with the committee and answered any questions presented.

Highway Buildings, Facilities and Equipment:

- Truck #172 accident damage was discussed. Truck frame and box were damaged and may need to be replaced.

Personnel and Personnel Issues:

- Discussion on wages for part-time employees and summer help. Part-time wage with CDL should be higher, than without CDL. Committee suggested Commissioner Pelock do a wage study from other county highway departments and bring his report to the next Personnel meeting on Wed., January 25, 2017.

Bids, Proposals or Sales:

- Commissioner Pelock gave the committee the three proposals he had received for the conveyor:

Kafka Conveyors & Equip. Inc.	\$109,395.00
Aring Equipment Company	\$130,100.00
DMR Industries Corp.	\$135,000.00

Bids, Proposals or Sales: (continued)

The conveyors quoted above will be electric, one piece units. The old conveyor is a 2001 and still could possibly be worth \$20,000 to \$40,000, according to one sales rep. Gerry Krachey made a motion to purchase the conveyor from Kafka Conveyors & Equipment, Inc. for \$109,395.00 and see if they would take the old one in on trade (if not then sell outright), seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

- Patch Heater Bids -
 - Dan Morgan from Sherwin Industries discussed with the committee his product, the Spalding 4Ton Patch Heater, with a bid price of \$28,781.00.
 - David Bogie from Enviro Tech Equipment discussed with the committee his product, the SPHD Step 4Ton Patch Heater, with a bid price of \$34,610.00.

After discussing both units the committee decided to go with the SPHD Step 4 Ton Patch Heater from Enviro Tech Equipment mainly due to the low profile of the unit and other features. The low profile is a major safety feature. Henry Esser made a motion to purchase the SPHD Step 4 Ton Patch Heater from Enviro Tech Equipment for \$34,610.00, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Variance Requests:

- CTH K – Tom Rowell – Variance Request was denied as it is only 10-15 feet off the Right of Way and he has other options. Henry Esser made a motion to deny variance request to Tom Rowell – CTH K, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Tom Cornford abstained from voting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Old/Misc. Business:

- The committee discussed the passing of Junior Pittsley who was a former employee of the Highway Department. The Highway Department will send a County Patrolman and truck for the funeral.

The next regular meeting will be held Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Crawford County Highway Department in Seneca. At 10:35 a.m., with no further business, Henry Esser made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Derek Flansburgh. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Tom Cornford

David Ober

Henry Esser
Committee

Derek Flansburgh

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Commissioner