

August 13, 2013

The regular meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Paul Schwandt at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2013. The requirements of the Open Meeting Law were certified as being met.

Present: Paul Schwandt
Donald Peters
Eugene Henke
Margaret Whirry
Absent:
Others Present: Amy Brooks, Highway Commissioner
Becky Pence, Administrative Assistant
Duane Prachel, County Superintendent
Dan Hurst, Corporation Counsel
Toney Daley, Newspapers

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Agenda

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve the Agenda. Motion Carried.

Minutes

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve the Minutes of 07/15/13 and 07/16/13. Motion Carried.

Correspondence None

Public Comments None

Appearances None

Road Agreements

A draft road agreement prepared by Attorney Steven Sorenson of Davis & Kuelthau, S.C. was presented.

Discussion held. Whirry does not like #7 wording, and feels a need to make this a stronger agreement. Peters doesn't like that the agreement was drafted by A.F. Gelhar's attorney, and the incorrect highway commissioner is listed.

Discussion held on incorporating a per ton agreement into the road agreement in order to provide a base for the escrow account. Peters would like a traffic count for the next meeting. Schwandt feels a \$10,000-\$15,000 per year should be put into an escrow account, and a pay on time clause added to the agreement, with a down payment of a percentage with balance due upon completion.

Use of County Property

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve the Green Lake Half Marathon, September 1, 2013 from 7:00 am-noon for overflow parking. Motion carried

Monthly Vouchers

Motion/second (Whirry/Peters) to approve the August vouchers in the amount of \$162,901.28. Motion Carried.

CTH A South - Resurface

Brooks informed the committee members that part of the 2014 STH 23 detour will be on CTH A between CTH K and STH 23. The section of road from South Street to Commercial Avenue will not hold up during the detour due to the extended deterioration of the road. To replace will cost approximately \$450,000 for .7

miles and the work would need to be completed this year. A binder only would be approximately \$325,000. The worst part is .3 miles from South Street to the Government Center, which would cost approximately \$210,000 and for binder only approximately \$160,000.00.

Motion/second (Whirry/Henke) to redo CTH A from South Street to Commercial Avenue .7 miles for \$450,000 and other CTH A project to go on hold, in preparation of the STH 23 detour next year. Roll call vote (4) Ayes, (0) Nays. Motion Carried.

CTHs A & S Signage

Brooks explained the passing lane funding, that if there are any at the intersection then we can apply for a Highway Safety Improvement Grant.

DOT Request for Services None

CTH BB Citizen Concern

Whirry received an email from a citizen regarding the deteriorating condition of CTH BB and also asking if the speed limit can be dropped to 45 MPH due to the poor visibility because of hills, curves and trees.

Brooks explained that she'll look at some of the trees and possibly get them trimmed.

WCHA-LDG Conference, September 17-19th, 2013 Eau Claire, WI

Motion/second (Henke/Whirry) to approve Buss and Prachel to attend the WCHA-LDG Conference in Eau Claire, WI September 17-19th. Motion Carried.

Financial Reports The Financial Reports were reviewed.

Brine Tank

Brooks explained that Weir wants the tank outside, and we're going to buy a little storage building for the brine maker for approximately \$13,500. This was previously approved to take the money out of Highway Reserves.

Railroad Consortium None

Committee Discussion

Commissioner Brooks reported county crews have been mowing on county and state highways; patching potholes; moving equipment and materials for fair; CTH O reconstruction; and starting CTH A reconstruction. Anticipated activities include pulverizing and asphalt pavement on CTH O and A; surface maintenance as needed; shouldering; mowing. Railroad may begin working on crossings at intersections of CTH Q and A. County will post detours; rubber crack filling on STH 49; mount plow equipment and place snow fence. June crash data consist of 14 deer, 1 other/weather, and 2 county damage claims.

Brooks still waiting to hear back from the railroad for the crossing on CTH Q and A.

Regarding concrete versus hot mix - Brooks received a power point from Dodge County Commissioner; initial cost of concrete is more, but overall design life is longer and more cost effective.

Future Agenda Items for Action and Discussion:

- *Regular meeting date, September 10, 2013*

Adjournment

Motion/second (Peters/Whirry) to adjourn 6:45 PM. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Secretary