



**Sunset Park:** Myers stated that Town of Brooklyn may be willing to provide room tax funds to the project at Sunset Park.

**Community Foundation:** Myers stated that the Committee should set up a foundation for park improvements. Myers is willing to work towards this even though she is not running for another term on the County Board and will be off the Board in April.

**Motion/second(Galatowitsch/Krause)** that Myers write the foundation proposal and bring it back to the Highway Committee and that it include a donor advised fund and be the Green lake County Recreational Fund and that the Parks budget put \$10/ month towards the fund and that the proposal has a management scheme. Motion carried.

Committee Discussion: None

### **MINUTES**

**Motion/second(Galatowitsch/Myers)** to approve the minutes of January 14, 2008. Motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Gary Podoll sent the scheduled NIMS Training. Podgorski will attend the training scheduled for February 29<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Rich Slate, Markesan Mayor stated that he met with the Mayors from Green Lake, and Berlin to talk about bike paths in the County. They are very happy with the County taking the lead for a bike trail and the Mayors are willing to participate as needed.

Jerry Specht stated that he would like to see every park and city in the County be connected by a bike path. He presented a bike trail map. He is requesting a 3 to 5 foot paved shoulder on the county highways as they are reconstructed in the future. He stated that the traffic is becoming more dangerous for bike riders. Specht stated that 25% of the County taxes come from non-residents. Many groups are looking to improve the biking situation in the County for family biking. Discussion was held on how a foundation could help with improvements for these types of projects. Podgorski stated that County A is not designated as a bike route; in fact DOT recommends a bike trail away from the road. Specht has worked with Green Lake/Brooklyn on teaching kids to ride safe. He feels we will have more people biking in the future.

Bob Hoffman stated that if the shoulder is paved then that eliminates the maintenance needed for the gravel shoulders.

Ken Bates presented a letter to the Committee speaking on behalf on the school district supporting a bike trail project for families and visitors. He stated that the high school has a unit on cycling. He also agreed that the bike traffic is increasing. He believes that biking is a great draw for the County. He is on the Wisconsin Bike Federation and they want to make Wisconsin safe for bicyclist and they are looking for places to encourage safe bike trails. Bates has applied for a grant for a bike safe route for Green Lake School District to encourage more kids to ride their bikes to school.

## **APPEARANCES**

**Citizens to discuss bike lanes on county roads:** See above public comments

## **VOUCHERS**

Vouchers were presented for \$117,594.01.

*Motion/second(Myers/Galatowitsch)* to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$117,594.01 Motion carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**2008-10 from Vilas County:** Regarding the state taking money from the state highway account and then bonding for highway project.

*Motion/second(Galatowitsch/Krause )* to support this resolution and send it on to County Board. Motion carried.

**Concerning bike lanes on new constructed county roads:** Galatowitsch stated that these are the kind of resources he would like to see in the County. It is about \$38,000 per mile today to widen the shoulder of highway. The resolution proposes to increase the pavement of the shoulder width for all future road construction by 3 or 5 feet depending on the road. Discussion was held.

*Motion/second(Myers/Galatowitsch)* to send this resolution on to the County Board in March. Motion carried.

## **PART-TIME HELP – FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE**

Podgorski stated Michelle Burk is on Family Leave. Podgorski has asked Hanna Lueneburg who works part-time for the ROD office to help at the highway department for two afternoons per week or a total of 6 hours per week during Burk's medical leave. The wage will be the beginning step for the highway cost accounting clerk position.

*Motion/second(Krause/Myers)* to approve the limited term part-time help. Motion carried.

## **COMMISSIONER'S TRAINING APRIL 2 AND 3 AT WAUSAU**

Podgorski informed the Committee of the training in Wausau.

*Motion/second(Myers/Galatowitsch)* to approve the Commissioner attending and staying overnight. Motion carried.

## **NATIONAL WORK ZONE MEMORIAL – MARCH 4, WINNEBAGO COUNTY**

Podgorski would like to attend the Memorial and invited the Committee members.

*Motion/second(Krause/Galatowitsch)* to approve Podgorski and Myers attending the Memorial. Motion carried.

## **REVIEW ROADS FOR FUTURE CONSTRUCTION**

The list was sent out to the Committee by the Commissioner. Discussion was held. Podgorski will make the recommended changes to the list as discussed and will bring it back next month.

## **WINTER MAINTENANCE 2007/2008**

Podgorski stated that this has been a very bad winter and more snow is forecasted. Podgorski stated that he will have to dip into the Highway reserve fund for additional winter maintenance funding

after the 2008 budget is expended. The audit will be complete in March and then the committee will look at the reserve fund.

**TDA MEMBERSHIP**

**NACE MEMBERSHIP**

Discussion was held on the two memberships. Podgorski stated that he does not get much out of either one.

*Motion/second(Myers/Galatowitsch)* not to join TDA or NACE. Motion carried.

**2008 ENGINEER CONTRACT WITH AYRES & ASSOCIATES**

Ayres is called on a time and material basis. Discussion was held.

*Motion/second(Myers/Krause)* to reengage Ayres on a time and material basis as needed. Motion carried.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

The report was sent to the Committee.

**REVIEW POLICY REGARDING FIRE EMERGENCIES**

The sample letter to David Jones was reviewed by the Committee. Discussion was held and a few wording changes were made.

**REPORT ON WINTER HIGHWAY CONFERENCE**

Podgorski, Helmer and Galatowitsch reported on the information they received at the Winter Highway Conference.

**OPEN BIDS AT 10:00 A.M. FOR:**

**Culverts for 2008:**

Contech Construction:	Highway B	\$20,296.40
	Highway H	\$15,173.90
	County Inventory	\$ 2,752.80
	TOTAL	\$38,223.10
Metal Culvert:	Highway B	\$24,124.55
	Highway H	\$16,506.56
	County Inventory	\$ 3,000.28
	TOTAL	\$43,631.39

*Motion/second(Myers/Galatowitsch)* to approve the bid from Contech Construction provided they meet specifications. Motion carried.

<b>State Superintendents Vehicle:</b>	Ewald: Dodge super cab	\$27,338.00
Three quarter ton truck super cab	Ford F250	\$28,408.00
	Chevrolet	\$28,066.00

<b>Commissioner's Vehicle:</b>	Ewald: Dodge SLT	\$25,465.00
7 passenger van	Ford	\$23,517.00

Ewald has the state contract.

*Motion/second(Galatowitsch/Myers)* to recommend to the P&I Committee to accept the bids for the Ford 7 passenger van and the Dodge ¾ ton truck if they meet specifications. Motion carried.

**REVIEW CRASH DATA AND LOCATIONS** Laid over until next month.

**REVIEW REFUND BALANCE AND EQUIPMENT ANALYSIS REPORT**

The reports were discussed. \$241,000 was expended in January for winter maintenance.

**DOT REQUEST FOR SERVICE** – None

**CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion/second(Krause/Galatowitsch)* to move into closed session per ss. 19.85(1)(c) and (f) Evaluations, Personnel Matters, Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion carried.

**RESUME OPEN SESSION**

*Motion/second(Galatowitsch/Krause)* to resume open session. Roll call vote, 4 ayes – 0 nays, motion carried.

**ANNOUNCE FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion/second(Myers/Krause)* to approve the evaluation for Joseph Chappa and Roger Priebe and send to the Clerk's office for their personnel file. Motion carried.

**FIELD ROAD REVIEW** None

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

The annual report was reviewed. The truck evaluation update was presented and discussed. Helmer stated that he hears a lot of complaints about the Columbia county roads. Future agenda items for action: Community Foundation, Concessionaire bids, Bike path resolution, Regular meeting date: March 10, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion/second(Myers/Krause)* to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

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County Clerk