

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING May 10, 2023

The meeting of the Highway Committee was called to order by Chair Dennis Mulder at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in the County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via Microsoft Teams. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Dennis Mulder
Chuck Buss
Bill Boutwell
Bob Schweder

Absent: Charlie Wielgosh

Other County Employees Present: Derek Mashuda Highway Commissioner; Becky Pence Administrative Assistant; Cate Wylie County Administrator; Corporation Counsel Jeff Mann; Sheriff Mark Podoll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 03/08/23 and 04/12/23

Motion/second (Buss/Boutwell) to approve the minutes of 03/08/23 and the Special Highway/Judicial Law minutes of 04/12/23. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Discussion on Automatic License Plate Reading Cameras in the County Right of Way

Sheriff Podoll explained the use of the cameras would be for helping apprehend wanted or suspected persons using license plate recognition software on a statewide network database. The company Flock Safety has been contracted by the sheriff's department to install the cameras on breakaway poles along the county roadways in specific locations. Podoll explained that once the camera systems are up and installed, they are the property of the sheriff's department, and the highway department has no financial obligation to them if they were to be damaged in any way.

Motion/second (Schweder/Buss) to support the use of the License Plate Reading Cameras in the County Road Right of Way. Motion Carried with no negative vote.

Discussion on New Hire for Additional Town of Mackford Plow Route

Commissioner Mashuda explained what is needed as a minimum for Highway to take on another winter maintenance route for the Town of Mackford, which includes guaranteed summer maintenance work to hire additional help. Administrator Wylie noted that a request for contingency funds would be needed as money is not currently budgeted for in 2023 but will be budgeted for in 2024.

Discussion on Future Highway Facility

Supervisor Mulder explained a new highway facility is definite need. An Ad Hoc Committee is needed to explore all the options regarding the facility and location. Administrator Wylie is in favor of a new facility and indicated now is the time to start the process.

Resolution To Authorize the Creation Of An Ad Hoc Committee To Explore The Creation Of A New Highway Department Facility

Motion/second (Schweder/Boutwell) to approve the Resolution to Authorize the Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to Explore the Creation of a New Highway Department Facility and forward to County Board for approval. Motion Carried with no negative vote.

RAILROAD CONSORTIUM

The Railroad Consortium meeting was canceled for 5/10/23.

Financials

Committee Members reviewed the financials.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Derek Mashuda provided an update on current and upcoming projects within the department.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting date: Regular meeting – June @ 3:00 PM

Future agenda items:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mulder adjourned the meeting at 3:30 PM.

Submitted by,

Becky Pence
Highway Committee Secretary