

MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
301 WASHINGTON STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, David Behrend, David Christianson, Robert Wolf

ABSENT: Joel Lavarda

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Al Sleeter, Erik Pritzl, Beth Ellingson

1. Call to Order

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Change of Sequence – None.

2.2 Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Ragen/Wolf to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion by Wolf/Behrend to approve the December 8, 2022 minutes. The motion was voted and carried.

4. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments

Vendor payments were discussed.

5. Communications

-Holiday cards were received from various companies

-Call from citizen requesting speed boards be placed on CTH-I to slow traffic. Highway Department does not own speed boards. Sheriff Skarban was also made aware of the concern.

-An email and a card were received from two different citizens thanking our department for their dedication to maintaining roads over the Christmas and New Year holidays.

-General Transportation Aides (GTA's) are up \$7964 from last year.

6. Roadwork Update

-USH 41 bridge deck has not yet been poured on passing lane on southbound Little Suamico River, just south of CTH-S.

-Wisconsin Emergency Management reimbursed our department \$24,500 toward flood damage repairs. The total amount of repairs we submitted was \$105,000. WisDOT reimbursement for culverts that were washed out on CTH-B and CTH-A will be submitted in spring once repair work is final on those projects.

-Pritzl discussed the State of Wisconsin budget surplus and opportunities we may have to request funding. No guidance has been given by the state at this time.

7. Equipment Update

-Quad on order is expected to arrive at Monroe the end of January.

-Sign truck build date was moved from Thanksgiving to March.

-Requested two tri-axles for 2024 delivery. Prices will be coming soon.

-Hytinen notified Ford we would like to order the one pick-up we are allotted for 2023.

8. Approve Purchase of Truck Chassis

Hytinen discussed ordering options for a F550 cab with chassis. Quotes have been received from Broadway and Sourcewell. Currently waiting to hear from Ewald for state contract price. Orders are due next week. Prices for dump body have increased from \$15,500 in 2021 up to \$21,000 in 2023. Kurt Niemann looking into options to use box from other piece of equipment to reduce costs.

Motion by Behrend/Wolf to purchase one F550 cab and chassis. The motion was voted and carried.

9. Carry Over Vacation Request
Motion by Ragen/Wolf to allow Hytinen to carry over a total of 57.25 hours of vacation from 2022 to 2023. The motion was voted and carried.
10. Staffing Update
New employee started January 3, 2023. This employee has CDL so no training needed.
11. MRF Truck Scale
Quote received from Valley Scale Service for \$36,393 to move the truck scale at Recycling center to Oconto shop and \$1.95 per foot for home run cable. No action to be taken at this time, may discuss again in future if funding sources become available.
12. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken)
 - WI Road School to take place January 23-25, 2023, in Wisconsin Dells.
 - WisDOT approved the consultant selection that Highway Committee submitted for CTH-C project.
 - Hytinen discussed continual issues with utility permits and incorrect installation.
 - CPR training will take place this month for new hires.
 - Incident from Dec 23, 2022 discussed which involved a plow truck backing into a vehicle that was out of view of the plow. No citations were given to either driver and Pritzl submitted the incident to our insurance company.
 - ATV route request will be on agenda next month.
 - Ragen received a speed reduction request on CTH-J. It does not meet criteria to lower speed, but our sign specialist will look at options to improve signage in the area to make corner more visible.
13. Next Meeting Date
Next meeting scheduled for February 9, 2023, at 9 am in the County Board room.
14. Adjournment
Chair Christianson declared meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

Vanessa Hasenberg
Recorder
Date Posted: January 10, 2023