

**MINUTES**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021– 9:00 A.M.**  
**HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**CONFERENCE ROOM #1003/#1004 – 1st FLOOR COURTHOUSE BLDG “A”**  
**301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO, WI 54153-1699**  
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*(Draft minutes not approved by committee)*

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, Alan Sleeter, Don Bartels Jr., David Christianson, Al Stranz

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Kevin Hamann

TIME MEETING BEGAN: 9:00 A.M.

1. Approval of Agenda
  - A. Change of Sequence
  - B. Remove ItemsMotion by Stranz/Ragen to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Motion by Christianson/Bartels Jr. to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting. The motion was voted and carried.
3. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments  
Committee reviewed monthly vendor payments.
4. Communications
  - a. Notice from Robert E. Lee of public involvement meeting regarding project at Cross Road and CTH S.
  - b. Hytinen received request from Samantha Boucher with Economic Development and Tourism Dept to be put on April agenda to discuss opening CTH SS from CTH S – US41 for ATV traffic.
  - c. Notice from Town of Underhill that a portion of CTH VV from Menominee Line Road to Deerhill Road was opened for ATV traffic. This segment has a speed limit of 35 mph allowing them jurisdiction to open.
  - d. Request received from Monty Brink from Forestry Dept to purchase and install historical directional sign at County Park 1.
  - e. Notice of Public Hearings – No impact to county highway system.
5. CTH – I Driveway Appeal  
Driveway variance application received from Leo Gauthier. Driveway initially denied on CTH-I per ordinance due to spacing and frequency. The site has over 600' of vision with 45 mph speed. Motion by Christianson/Stranz to grant a variance per commissioner's recommendations. The motion was voted and carried.
6. Approve Purchase of Skid Steer  
Two bids received for a Cat skid steer loader model 272D3. Sourcewell Contract: \$64560, and Fabick Cat: \$57772.00. Discussion followed on purchasing one with tires versus tracks. Motion by Stranz/Ragen to recommend to County Board the purchase of a Cat skid steer loader from Fabick Cat for the purchase price of \$57772.00. The motion was voted and carried.
7. Approve Blazek Pit Contract  
Motion by Bartels Jr./Christianson to approve the Blazek pit contract. The motion was voted and carried. Committee signed contract.
8. Start Date 10-Hour Days  
Motion by Bartels Jr./Stranz to recommend to Personnel and Wages to allow the Highway Department to start 10-hour workdays each year no earlier than March 1, and end no later than November 30, by the discretion of the Highway Commissioner. The motion was voted and carried. Motion by Stranz/Ragen to start 10-hour workdays in 2021 on April 5 due to Covid and weather. The motion was voted and carried.

9. AC Bid Award Percentage  
Hytinen explained the AC bids will be opened March 29, the Monday prior to the April committee meeting. Approval of bids and division between potential vendors will take place at April meeting.
10. Road Work Update  
CTH I – A Public Involvement Opportunity is being held on the Oconto County website with plan and description of the CTH I reconditioning project.  
CTH R – Robert E Lee submitted plan to WisDOT for April let on project planned on CTH R from Shawano County line to CTH VV.
11. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be taken)  
Hamann planning to hold a fall safety day in October for Highway Dept. He also stated WCA through County Mutual is holding a virtual safety day in May.  
Hamann explained there are opportunities for financial assistance on hearing tests if administered through County Mutual.  
Discussion took place on road rating and when that takes place.  
Hamann requested to be on April agenda in closed session for commissioner review.  
Summer Conference will be held June 7, 8, 9 in Wisconsin Dells.  
Commissioner training is scheduled for April 27-28 in Wisconsin Dells.
12. Set Next Meeting Date  
Next meeting set for April 1, 2021– 9:00 a.m. in room 1003/1004.
13. Adjournment  
Chair Sleeter declared meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Vanessa Hasenberg

Recorder

Date Posted: March 16, 2021