

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Buffalo County Highway Committee

Date of the Meeting:

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Chairman Mr. Don Hillert called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the conference room of the Buffalo County Highway Department, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Don Hillert, Mr. Dwight Ruff, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. John Sendelbach and Mr. Dave Danzinger.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Commissioner Bob Platteter, Patrol Superintendent Kelly Johnston, Shop Foreman James Palkowski, Administrator Sonya Hansen and Construction Foreman John DeWitt.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action - Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Weiss seconded by Mr. Ruff to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as sent. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Review/Discussion/Action - Approval of Monthly Vouchers: Payable Vouchers #27522 through #27557 totaling \$37,899.50. A motion was made by Mr. Weiss, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach to approve the monthly vouchers as presented. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

Review/Discussion/Action– Staffing:

- a. Fill Foreman Position – Mr. Danzinger made a motion to fill the open foreman’s position. Mr. Weiss seconded. Motion Carried.
- b. Take Home Vehicles – Mr. Ruff made a motion to allow foreman to take their trucks home during construction season (April-November) provided they are kept in a garage or shed at all times and not left outside. Mr. Sendelbach seconded. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Equipment:

- a. **New Shop Truck** – Only one bid was received from Dahl Ford and Universal Truck Equipment was the lower of the two bids for the service body. The old truck will be sold on auction after the new truck arrives. Mr. Ruff made a motion to purchase the truck from Dahl Ford and the service body from Universal for a total of \$89,614.00. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Motion Carried.
- b. **New Loader w/ Tool Carrier** – Mr. Ruff made a motion to purchase a new loader/tool carrier up to \$150,650.00 with the option of testing the Case 621 GXT from Miller-Bradford & Risberg and the John Deere 524P from McCoy Construction & Forestry to see which will work best for the Highway Dept. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Motion Carried.
- c. **Electronic Message Boards** – Mr. Ruff made a motion to purchase two electric message boards. Mr. Ruff amended his motion to send to Finance Committee and then onto County Board. Ms. Hansen will do the Resolution to forward on from Highway Committee. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Motion Carried.
- d. **Office/Shop Technology Automation & Shop Digital Communications** – Talk with Itechra to see what is needed and which direction to go with, then we will get prices for that application of equipment needed. We have received bids for building upgrades and construction for offices to house the technology.

Review/Discussion/Action – Roads and Bridges:

- a. **2021 Construction List** - Discussion and map of 2021 planned construction list.
- b. **2021 Chip Seal (CTH NN)** – A Fibermat application will be done first to strengthen the road from cracking and then the chip seal will be placed on top of the Fibermat application

- c. **CTH H Bridge Deck** – Replacement of the CTH H bridge deck was completed by Larson Construction on April 8, 2021. Asphalt will be done as soon as Monarch starts up their plant the week of April 26th.
- d. **Palkowski Road Crossing** – Scheduled meeting with the Town of Montana Board the week of April 19, 2021. Mr. Platteter will then schedule a meeting with the Township to meet at the Palkowski Road crossing to discuss the next steps with this project. It is suggested that Mr. Sendelbach and Mr. Weiss go with Mr. Platteter for that meeting. The Town of Montana Board, Highway Committee, Commissioner and DNR Representative will all be present
- e. **Town of Maxville** – Applying base rock to Kings Highway and Golden Road will begin April 19, 2021. Monarch has finish grade and paving after rock is placed.
- f. **Village of Cochrane** – Mr. Platteter met with the Village to look at 3 large patches that they want to have cut out and paved.
- g. **Town Road Tours** – The Commissioner is in the process of meeting with the Townships to do their Town Road Tours.
- h. **County Road Tour** – The Commissioner and Highway Committee are meeting for the County Road Tour on April 21, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.
- i. **Resolution – Emergency Petition – Town of Canton** – Owen Valley bridge emergency petition was done to change both header beams as they were in very poor condition. County cost is \$9,500.00 and Town of Canton cost is \$9,500.00. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Buildings & Grounds:

- a. **Office Air Testing** – Testing was done and it was determined 1000ppm was going into the furnace and 9000ppm was coming out. Collins Plumbing placed Wave R Air Cleaner in the furnace for \$600.00 installed. The second air test came back 1000ppm going in 600ppm coming out.
- b. **Combined with Item 6d**
- c. **Leased Property Review** – Mr. Weiss made a motion to offer \$3,400.00 for the .9 acre parcel or to continue to lease for the duration of the time remaining. Mr. Ruff seconded. Motion Carried.

Financial Update – Working on closing 2020 yet.

Commissioners Report – Some unbudgeted items for equipment with the balance of funds left. Commissioner/Committee Member Training June 7, 8, 9, 2021 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells. Mr. Ruff, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Sendelbach are interested in going with Mr. Platteter.

Committee Members Report- Alleman Bridge – Larson Construction was awarded the contract and will be done in 2021. ATV signage-there has been no communication at this time with the Commissioner. The Commissioner’s 90-day review has been postponed until May.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 8:00am County Road Tour and Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m. Regular County Highway Committee meeting.

Public Comments- Dave Pantzlaff from Ayres Associates stopped by to introduce himself to the new Highway Committee.

Adjournment- Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Ruff Seconded. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Johnston
Recording Secretary

