



## **AGENDA**

**Eau Claire County Highway Committee**  
Thursday February 1st, 2018 / 6:15 am  
Eau Claire County Highway Department - Room 101  
2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

1. Call the meeting to order.
2. Confirmation of meeting notice
3. Approval of past committee meeting minutes (1/4)
4. Public comment
5. New technology in vehicles and how it effects road painting – Discussion
6. Highway Commissioner report
  - Highway maintenance and construction update
  - Updated PASER ratings from fall 2017
  - Legislative AB475, SB386, and AB697 - Discussion
  - DOT Property Appraisal Update
  - How on-call works with the Highway Department operations staff
7. Payment vouchers (1/5, 1/12, 1/26)
8. Future meeting dates, times, and agenda items
9. Adjourn.

\* the Committee may hear comments from the public for up to 30 minutes; not more than 5 minutes/person is allowed; this period is not considered a public hearing.

cc: Members, Media, Kathryn Schauf, Keith Zehms, Jon Johnson, Rod Thorson, Brian Spilde

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## MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway  
Thursday, January 4th, 2018 / 6:15 am

Highway Department Meeting Room 101 • 2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Vice Chairman Steve Chilson, Supervisor Kathy Clark, Supervisor Katy Forsythe, Supervisor Carl Anton  
Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Operations Manager Brian Spilde, Accountant Michael Donaldson, Engineer Rod Thorson, Accountant DiAnna Steines, Engineering Intern Matt Kent, Engineering Intern Gunnar Kern

1. **Call meeting to order**

Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 6:16 a.m.

2. **Confirmation of meeting notice - Review**

Meeting notice confirmed.

3. **Past committee meeting minutes (12/7) - Review/Action**

Motion: Vice Chairman Chilson moved for approval. Motion Approved 5-0

4. **Public comment** – No public comment

5. **Presentation by CORRE Engineering on CTH HH bridge design**

Kevin Meter and Randy Anderson of CORRE Inc. spoke on the CTH HH bridge design that is scheduled to be built next summer. This bridge is county funded. The bridge will include a box girder bridge design. Plans are moving forward and design approval anticipated in March 2018. Bridge will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete with road closure. Public meeting will be held concerning the bridge and its design. Eau Claire County currently is planning on 6 new bridges in the next 5 years. Along with these new bridges, the highway department is developing a maintenance program to prolong the life of new and existing bridges.

6. **AB 475 and SB 386 – Discussion/Action**

Commissioner Johnson discussed both AB 475 and SB 386 which requires rear amber strobe lights on horse drawn vehicles after dark and during inclement weather for safety concerns.

- Motion by Supervisor Clark for letter of support toward legislation and county board in support of AB 475 and SB 386 with suggestion of amendment toward lighting being used 24 hours a day instead of just during dark and inclement weather. Motion carried 5-0

7. **Presentation on PASER rating**

Engineer Rod Thorson spoke on the history of PASER development and pavement management 101. Handout concerning pavement management contained items related to:

- State Statute 86.302
- PASER (Pavement Surface Evaluation & Rating)
- PCI (Pavement Condition Index)
- WISLR (Wisconsin Information system for Local Roads)
- Field inspections and office analyses

The PASER rating occurs every 2 years for all 420 miles of Eau Claire County highways. From this data, engineering works with the highway commissioner to develop future planning, road construction, and maintenance.

❖ Vice Chairman Chilson left the meeting

**8. Approval of Administrative Associate changes – Discussion/Action**

Commissioner Johnson and Human Resources met and discussed changing the Administrative Associate from part time to full time with some additional requirements and duties.

- Motion by Supervisor Clark to approve and move to HR Committee. Motion carried 4-0

**9. Highway Commissioner report**

- Highway maintenance and construction update  
Operations Manager Brian Spilde spoke on the following:
  - Currently scheduling clearing and brushing
  - Staking CTH Q project
  - Fixing signs and guardrails that were damaged from occurring due to the recent winter storms.

Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson spoke on the following:

- Discussed an accident that occurred recently when employee was plowing during a winter event. Currently working with insurance to resolve.
- Appraisal report on the property near the state patrol

Highway Accountant DiAnna Steines spoke on the following:

- Cost reports which categorized 2017 expenses by budget, expected, available and percent used.

**10. Payment vouchers (12/8, 12/15, 12/22, 12/29)**

Vouchers were reviewed

**11. Future meeting dates, times and agenda items**

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Future Agenda Items:

- How on-call works within the Highway Department operations staff
- Updated PASER rating from fall 2017
- New technology in vehicles and how that effects road painting and stripping

12. Adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Donaldson*

Michael Donaldson  
Eau Claire Highway Department

1 Enrolled No.

2 RESOLUTION

3 File No. 17-18/109

4 - SUPPORTING PROPOSED LEGISLATION AB 475 AND SB 386 CHANGING  
5 LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS FOR ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLES OPERATED ON  
6 HIGHWAYS -

7 WHEREAS, under current law, a vehicle drawn by an animal operating during hours of  
8 darkness requires at least one front lamp or lantern white light visible from a distance of 500 feet  
9 and two rear lamps or lanterns red light visible from a distance of 500 feet; and

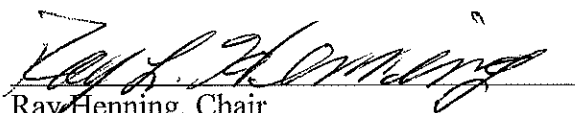
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11 WHEREAS, recent fatalities and accidents on highways in Wisconsin by animal drawn  
12 vehicles are happening due to visibility related issues; and

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14 WHEREAS, SB 585 amends Wis. Stat. § 347.24(2) to include lighting requirements  
15 during inclement weather, as well as striking the use of lamps or lanterns, requiring lights, and  
16 requiring strobe lighting on the rear of animal drawn vehicles.

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18 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of  
19 Supervisors hereby supports Assembly Bill 475 and Senate Bill 386 changing lighting  
20 requirements for animal-drawn vehicles operated on highways.

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of Supervisors directs  
23 the county clerk to forward this resolution to the governor, assembly members and senators  
24 representing Eau Claire County and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

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26 I certify that the foregoing correctly represents the  
27 action taken by the undersigned committee on  
28 January 4th, 2018 by a vote of 5 for, 0 against.

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32 Ray Henning, Chair  
33 Highway Committee  
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37 Dated this 31 day of January, 2018.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety  
**FROM:** Jon Johnson – Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner  
**DATE:** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**SUBJECT:** Support of AB 697

Dear Members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety ,

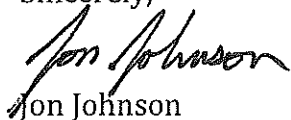
In Eau Claire County we are currently experiencing accelerated wear as well as damage to highway maintenance and improvement projects. In the attached pictures you can see the damage that is happening due to excessive traction methods being use by animal drawn vehicles.

In the attached pictures you'll see County Highway D and County Highway AF. The County Highway D project is the same maintenance project that was completed on County Highway AF. From the pictures you can see the difference in damage to a highway that are caused by animal drawn vehicles. The maintenance cost to sealcoat one mile of rural county highway is \$17,000.00. The cost to re-apply a fog seal of oil is \$3,500.00 per mile.

For the County Highway CF project the new asphalt surface has been damaged to the point where 70% of the asphalt surface is damaged. The surface condition is one of the most important factors of highway longevity. The cost to replace the asphalt pavement on this county highway is \$185,000.00 per mile.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

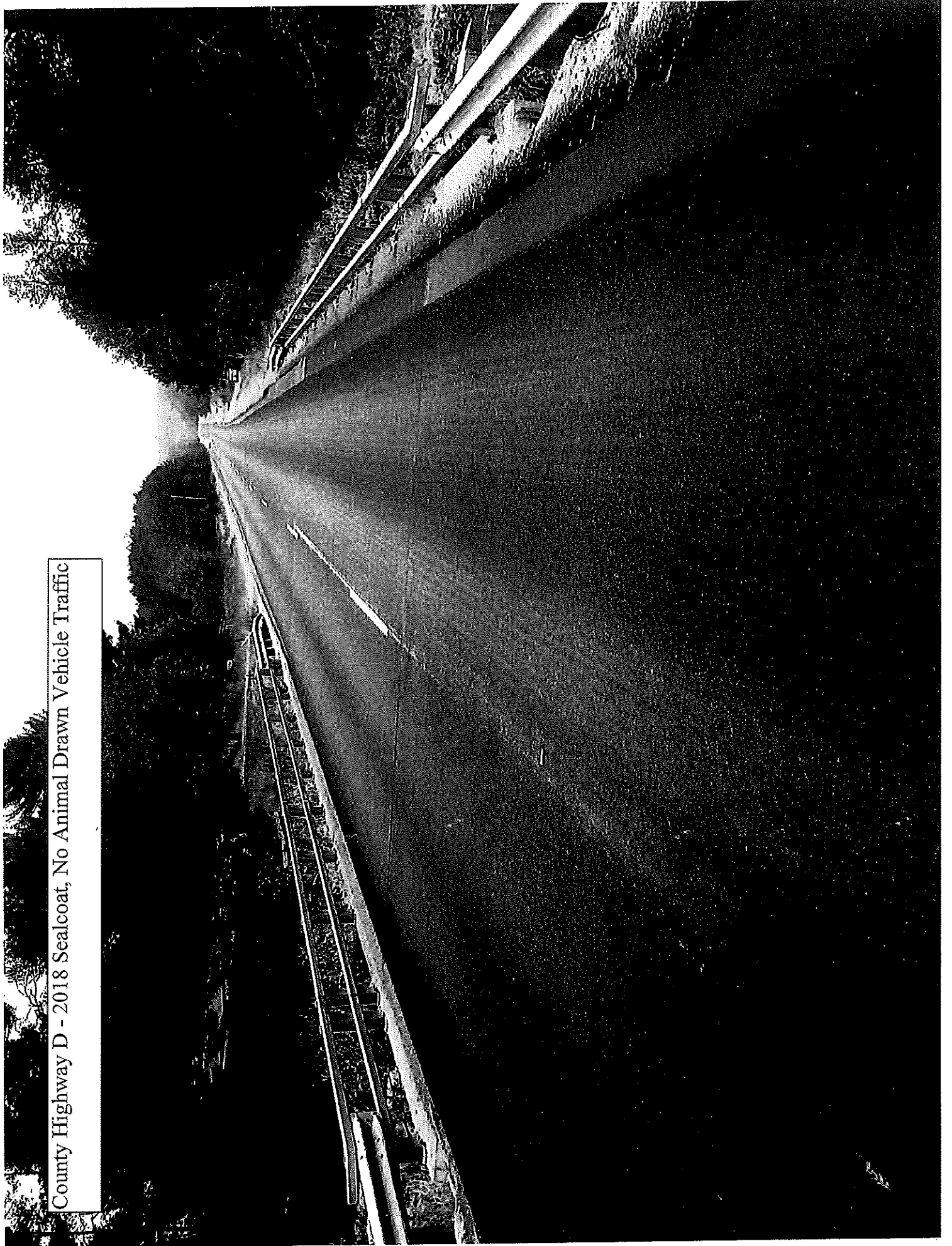
Sincerely,



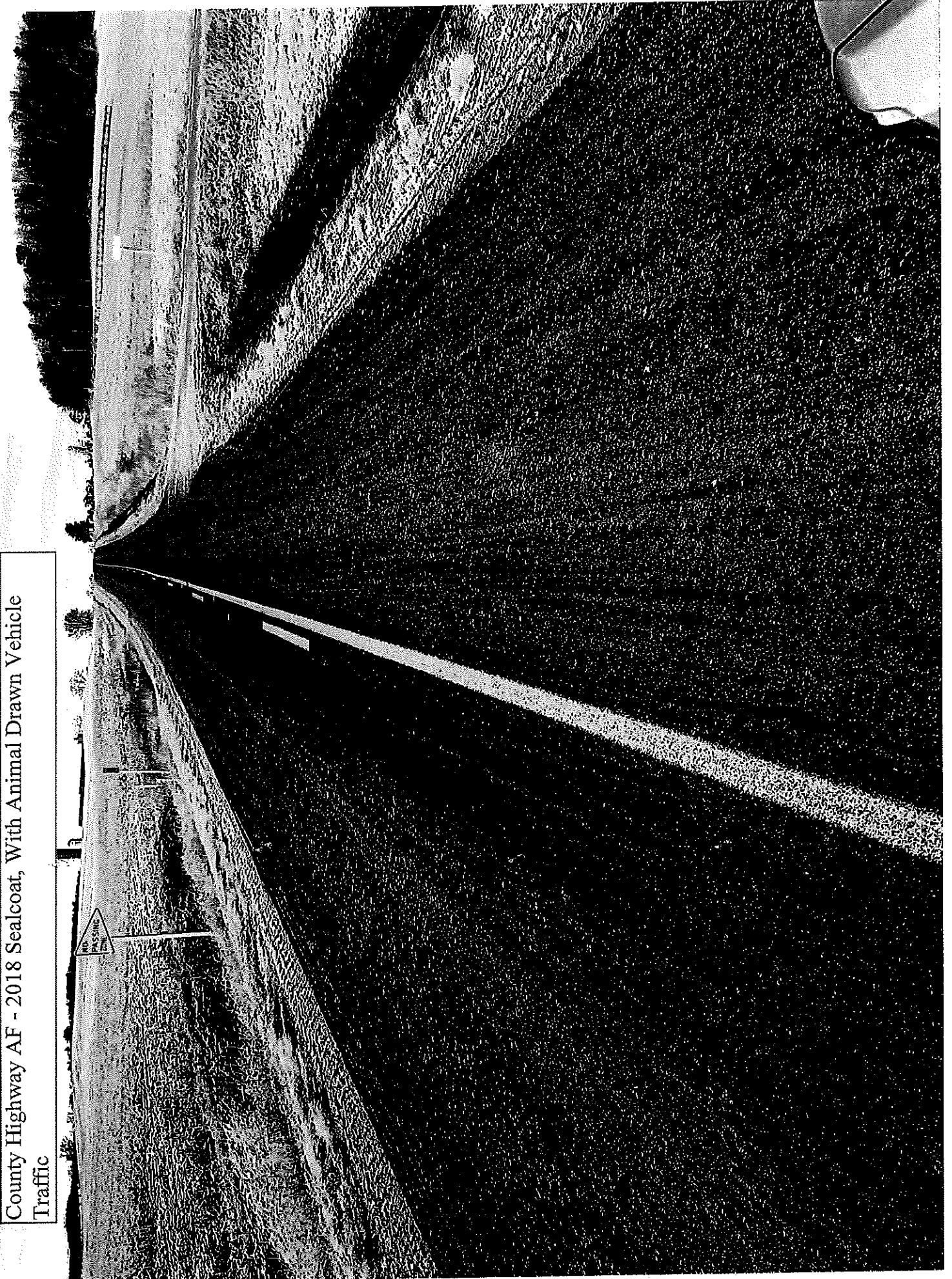
Jon Johnson

Eau Claire County Highway Commissioner

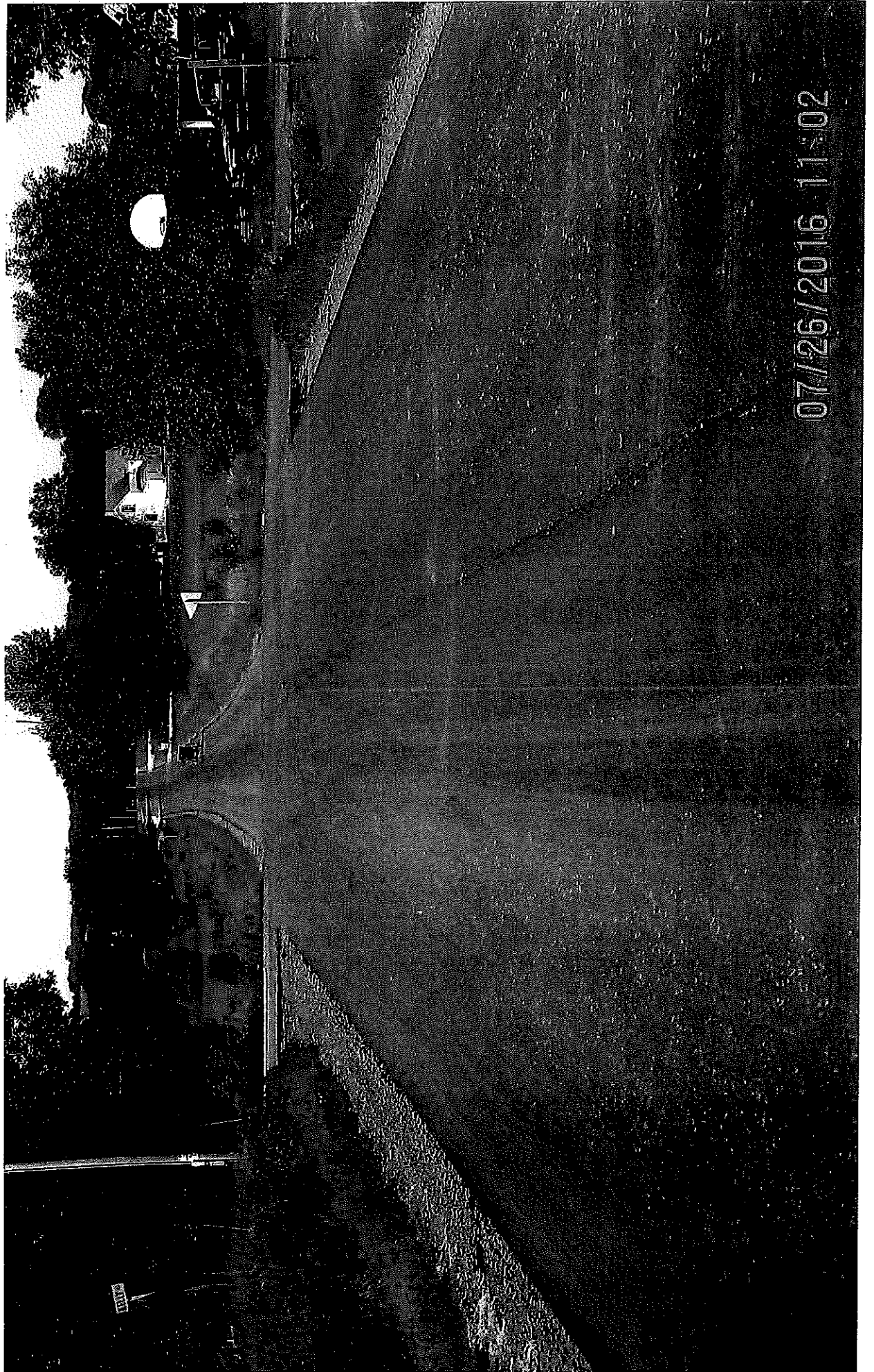
County Highway D - 2018 Sealcoat, No Animal Drawn Vehicle Traffic



County Highway AF - 2018 Sealcoat, With Animal Drawn Vehicle  
Traffic



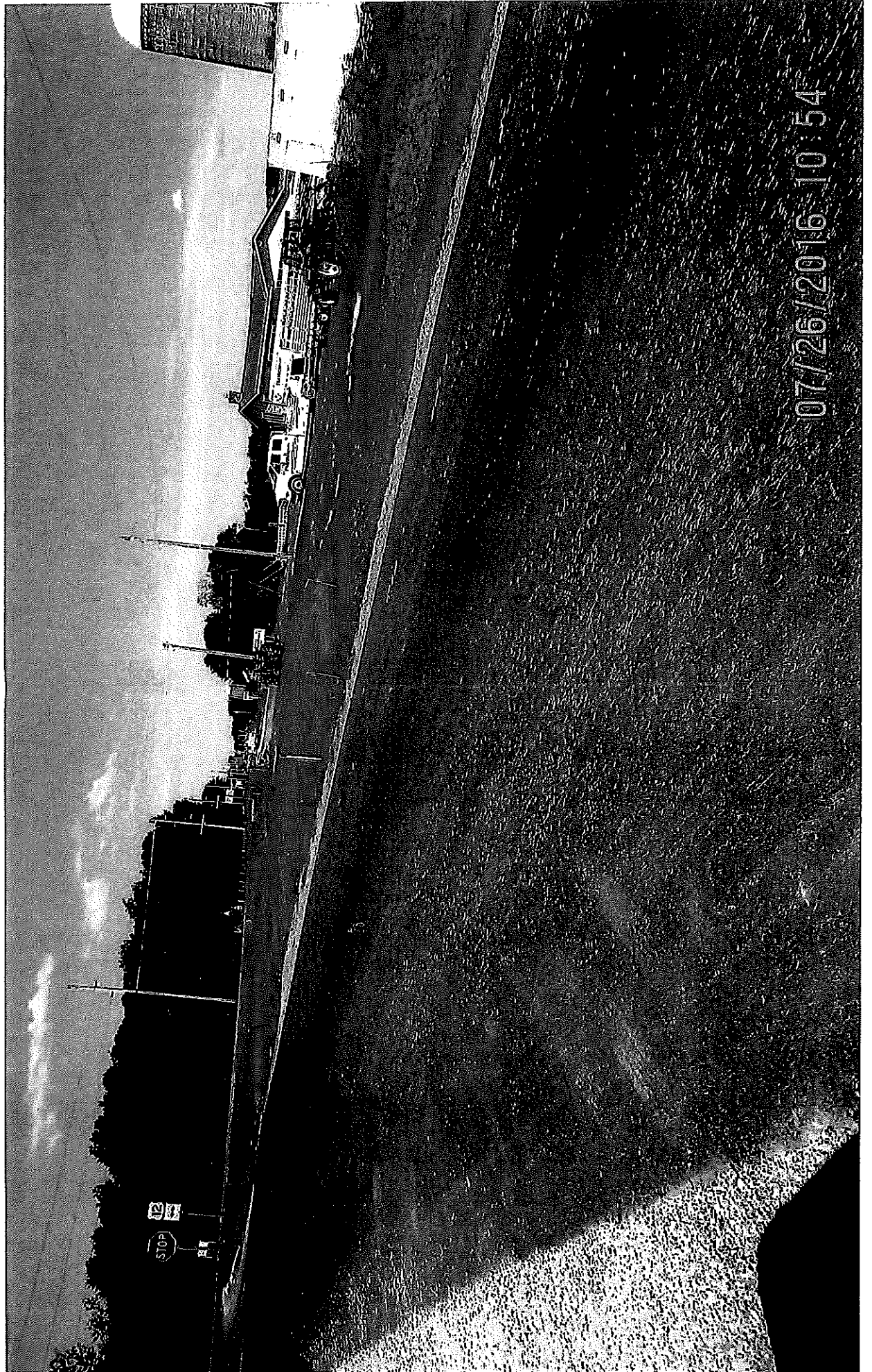
County Highway CF - Eau Claire County; New Construction 2016 - Damage to Asphalt Surface



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County Highway CF - Eau Claire County; New Construction 2016 Damage to Asphalt Surface



County Highway CF - Eau Claire County; New Construction 2016 Damage to Asphalt Surface

