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Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway
Thursday, March 15th, 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 Carl Anton, Supervisor Katy Forsythe
Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Engineer Rod Thorson, Operations Manager Brian Spilde, Accountant Michael Donaldson

1. **Call meeting to order**

Chairman Henning called the meeting to order at 6:15 a.m.

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

Meeting notice confirmed.

3. **Past committee meeting minutes (3/1) - Review/Action**

Motion: Supervisor Clark moved for approval. Motion Approved 5-0

4. **Public comment** – Clarence Hazen of Osseo spoke on his history on preventive maintenance on roads while working for a township. In his experience, proper timing of crack filling and chip sealing results in roads that have a longer life span and require less reconstruction.

5. **CTH SS Improvement project presentation – Todd Adams**

- Postponed to a later date

6. **ATV route application of CTH M and CTH H - Discussion**

Committee reviewed two applications for new ATV routes. 1st application for a proposed route from Kempton road to CTH H traveling on CTH M. 2nd application for a proposed route is from Forest road 5 to Oak Drive traveling on CTH H. Committee will act on these two applications at the next Highway Committee meeting.

7. **PASER/Capital highway project – Discussion**

Commissioner Johnson spoke on the recent joint meeting that was held with both highway and finance committees. The meeting compared CIP proposed funding amounts and how different amounts effect the roads PASER ratings The committee discussed several ideas and options to bridge the gap from existing borrowing to amount needed to maintain/improve our road ratings along with possible funding sources.

8. **Highway Report**

- Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson spoke on the following:
 - Attended WCHA legislative committee meeting and proposals included:
 - Federal Bridge Funds Swap Program – Swap of Federal Bridge Funds with State Funds to expedite the timelines for local bridge project development and reduce local bridge construction costs.
 - Local Road Improvement program – Legislature amend the original legislation to limit WISDOT authority to the fiscal agent only and allow local governments across the State to capture the intended efficiencies in this Local Road Improvement Program.
 - Automated Speed Enforcement – Request the Wisconsin Statutes be modified and funds be provided to WISDOT to begin the process of automated speed enforcement in work zones.

- Operations Manager Brian Spilde spoke on the following:
 - Bids out for materials bid package for capital improvements – due March 22nd
 - Bids out for CTH K and overlay on CTH H – due March 26th
 - Scheduling meeting on construction and meeting being held today
 - Clear roads program – modules on productive road clearing techniques and procedures during winter storms.
 - Safety committee meeting this week – spring training
- Highway Engineer Rod Thorson spoke on the following:
 - CTH N Culvert project – design aspects
 - Using high density corrugated culvert for large project
 - Projecting bridge projects – need to resubmit since minimum standards have changed
 - CTH HH bridge ready for bidding for reconstruction
 - CTH R bridge design for next year reconstruction

9. Payment vouchers (3/2, 3/9)

Vouchers were reviewed

10. Future meeting dates, times and agenda items

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, April 5th at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, April 19th at 6:15 a.m.

Future Agenda Items:

- CTH SS Improvement project
- ATV route application CTH M and CTH H - Action

11. Adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Donaldson

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