



AGENDA

Eau Claire County Highway Committee
Thursday, November 1, 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. Review/Approval of past committee meeting minutes (10/18) - Discussion/Action
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of purchase of State Highway property - Action
6. Winter maintenance: What is salt brine?
7. Highway report
 - Highway Commissioner Update – Jon Johnson
 - Operations Update – Brian Spilde
 - Engineering Update – Rod Thorson
8. Payment vouchers (10/19, 10/26)
9. Future meeting dates, times, and agenda items
10. 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, Nick Smiar, Jon Johnson, Rod Thorson, Brian Spilde

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway
Thursday, October 18, 2018 / 6:15 am
227 First Street West • 2000 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Vice Chairman Steve Chilson, Supervisor Nathan Anderson, Supervisor Judy Gatlin
Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Operations Coordinator Brian Spilde, Engineer Rod Thorson, Admin. Associate Rhonda Olson

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 (10/4) - Review/Action**
Motion: Supervisor Gatlin moved for approval. Motion approved 3-0
4. **Public comment** – No public comment.
5. **State Project #1022-08-74 project update by WIDOT - Discussion**
The Wisconsin Department of Transportation is proposing to make substantial improvements to I-94 in Eau Claire county beginning in 2021.

Supervisor Chilson arrived. Supervisor Anderson arrived.
6. **Future Highway Facility Design and Construction 101 presentation (Norman Barrientos & Kasey Lemke) - Discussion**
Currently exploring layout options to make the facility sustainable for 50-100 years; probable cost option.
7. **ATV Route Management – Discussion**
Sgt. John Staber spoke of each township currently having their own routes – many not signed – that cannot be enforced. The suggestion is for a county-wide uniform ordinance regarding ATV routes and signing. Commissioner Johnson will call a meeting with townships, sheriff's department and ATV clubs invited to get standardized language involving routes.
8. **Highway Report**
 - o Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson spoke on the following:
 - o New brine maker has been delivered (state funded). Testing will be done in designated areas this winter to best utilize it in future seasons.
 - Less salt usage is good impact on roads, bridges and environment.
 - There will be substantial savings using brine.

- Operations Coordinator Brian Spilde spoke on the following:
 - Final touches are being made on this year's paving jobs.
 - State trucks are ready for winter.
 - Fall training included chain saw, winter maintenance, railroad safety, and fall protection topics.
 - An additional in-house training day is being planned.
- Engineer Rod Thorson spoke on the following:
 - Dynamic deterioration (bridges) includes:
 - Failing concrete
 - Corroding steel
 - Rotting timbers
 - He is working on a report for maintenance, repair and improvement of structures.

9. Payment vouchers (10/5, 10/12)

Vouchers were reviewed

10. Future meeting dates, times and agenda items

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, November 1, 2018 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 6:15 a.m.

Future Agenda Items:

- Assembly Law AB442 – Discussion/Action

11. Adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Olson

Rhonda Olson, Administrative Associate
Eau Claire Highway Department

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3 - AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY 42 ACRES OF LAND
4 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF EAU CLAIRE AND TOWN OF WASHINGTON ALONG
5 USH 53 FROM THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR
6 \$383,719.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL
7 NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF EAU CLAIRE COUNTY-
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9 WHEREAS, the highway facility space needs study from May 24, 2016 states the highway
10 department facility in Altoona has \$3,292,067.00 of code compliance, life safety, and structural
11 repair cost needs; and
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13 WHEREAS, the existing Altoona highway facility shop is 53,000 sq. ft. and to adequately
14 store current fleet operations the space needs study has calculated that the main shop facility needs
15 to be 119,370 sq. ft.; and
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17 WHEREAS, the space study concluded that the existing 12-acre Altoona facility is too
18 small to house the current operations and further investment as well as expanding on the current
19 site is not in the County's best interest; and
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21 WHEREAS, a site section analysis was completed comparing 16 different properties and
22 identifying the property owned by WIDOT as the best site when evaluating the site selection
23 criteria; and
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25 WHEREAS, the purchase of land from WIDOT would not remove any property from the
26 property tax levy since it is currently owned by the State of Wisconsin;

27 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Supervisors hereby
28 authorize the purchase of approximately 42 acres of land located in the City of Eau Claire and
29 Town of Washington along USH 53 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for
30 \$383,719.00; and
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32 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the county administrator is authorized to execute all
33 necessary documents on behalf of Eau Claire County.
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Committee on Administration

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FACT SHEET

TO FILE NO. 18-19/080

SUBJECT

Property purchase from Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIDOT)

REQUEST

Purchase 42 acres from WIDOT for Three Hundred Eighty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Nineteen Dollars (\$383,719.00.00) for location of future Highway Department facility

PURPOSE / JUSTIFICATION

Eau Claire County has completed its site selection study and has identified this property to be the best value and location for possible future highway facility construction. The facility study that was completed and approved by the county board identified that an increase in acreage is needed for the operational needs of the Highway Department. The Department of Transportation has completed a phase 1 environmental study on the property.

Fiscal Impact: \$383,719.00 from 2018 Highway Capital Funds

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Johnson
Highway Commissioner

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Ordinance/18-19/080 Fact