



AGENDA

Eau Claire County Highway Committee
Wednesday, January 23rd, 2019 / 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 (12/20) - Discussion/Action
4. Public Comment
5. Purchase of State owned property for future Highway Facility - Discussion/Action
6. Highway report
 - Highway Commissioner Update – Jon Johnson
 - Operations Update – Brian Spilde
 - Engineering Update – Rod Thorson
7. Payment vouchers (1/11, 1/18)
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, Nick Smiar, Jon Johnson, Rod Thorson, Brian Spilde

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MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway

Thursday, January 10, 2019 / 6:15 a.m.

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

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Supervisor Nathan Anderson, Supervisor Carl Anton, Supervisor Judy Gatlin
 Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Engineer Rod Thorson, Accountant DiAnna Steines, Operations Coordinator Brian Spilde, Administrative Assistant Rachael Bien

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Henning at 6:15 a.m.**
2. **Confirmation of meeting notice - Review**
Meeting notice confirmed.
3. **Past committee meeting minutes (12/20/18) - Discussion/Action**
Motion: Chairman Henning moved for approval. Supervisor Gatlin seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
4. **Public comment** – No public comment.
5. **Speed Limit Change on CTH TT – Discussion/Action**
Residents petitioned to have speed limit change from 55 mph to 45 mph. The road study done showed a speed of 53 mph in the 85th percentile with a mean of 39 mph. Commissioner Johnson would recommend the change to 45 mph.
Motion: Supervisor Anton moved for approval. Supervisor Anderson seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
6. **Highway Report**
Highway Commissioner, Jon Johnson spoke on the following:
 - Departmental restructuring with new Assistant Commissioner position posted and title changes to multiple positions.
 - Upcoming meeting on educating townships on ATV/UTV traffic on highways being held in the town of Pleasant Valley.
 Operations Coordinator, Brian Spilde spoke on the following:
 - Continuing to do maintenance brushing.
 - Reviewing 2019 Maintenance schedule with Supervisors.
 - Having small group meetings with staff to go over various policy changes.
 Engineer, Rod Thorson spoke on the following:
 - Reviewed the 2019 projects being contracted out and in house.
7. **Payment vouchers (12/21/18, 12/28/18, 1/4/2019)**
Vouchers were reviewed and signed.
Motion: Supervisor Gatlin motioned for approval. Motion approved 4-0.

8. Future meeting dates, times and agenda items

Future Meetings:

- Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday April 4, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday April 18, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.

9. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Henning at 6:54 a.m.

Motion: Supervisor Gatlin moved for approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachael Bien

Rachael Bien, Administrative Assistant
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 ALONG USH 53 FROM THE WISCONSIN
5 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR \$385,363.00; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY
6 ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF EAU
7 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 selection analysis was completed comparing 15 different properties
22 based on location near major highways, water and sewer service availability, size of 30-40 acres,
23 and cost of property. After completing the analysis, the property owned by WIDOT was identified
24 to be the best candidate; and

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26 WHEREAS, the cost to purchase this property from the WIDOT is approximately
27 \$8,300.00/acre and the cost of other properties that were evaluated in the site selection analysis
28 were \$25,000.00/acre making the property from the WIDOT a good value for the County; and

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30 WHEREAS, the purchase of land from WIDOT would not remove any property from the
31 property tax levy since it is currently owned by the State of Wisconsin; and

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33 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County is granted home rule authority by Wis. Stat. §59.03(1) as
34 construed under Wis. Stat. §59.04 which can be exercised by the county board by adoption of a
35 resolution under §59.02; and

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37 WHEREAS, Eau Claire County intends to acquire the property in the City of Eau Claire
38 along US 53 by purchase from WIDOT for the future site of a highway facilities shop and in order
39 to facilitate blight elimination through assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Natural
40 Resources; and,

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42 WHEREAS, by exercising its home rule authority under Wis. Stat. §59.03(1) to acquire
43 the property in the City of Eau Claire and Town of Washington along USH 53 for the purpose of
44 blight elimination granted to counties by Wis. Stat. § 292.11(9)(e)1m.d., Eau Claire County,
45 through adoption of this resolution will qualify for a local governmental liability exemption for
46 the investigation and cleanup of contaminated property and solid waste management.

1 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Eau Claire County Board of
2 Supervisors hereby authorize the purchase of approximately 42 acres of land located in the City of
3 Eau Claire along USH 53 from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for \$385,363.00; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the acquisition of the property is at least in part for
6 blight elimination under Wis. Stat. §292.11(9)(e)1m.d. of the existing environmental
7 contamination caused by discharges of hazardous substances.
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9 BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the county administrator is authorized to execute all
10 necessary documents on behalf of Eau Claire County.
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22 Committee on Administration Highway Committee

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ORDINANC/18-19/080

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 Five Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three (\$385,363.00.00) for location of a 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 as well as a Phase 2 Environmental Sampling Investigation. The results of these studies show that DOT caused the contamination discovered on the property to date. By acquiring the property at least partially for blight elimination under Wis. Stat. §292.11(9)(e)1m. Eau Claire County will receive a local governmental liability exemption for the investigation and cleanup of contaminated property and solid waste management.

Fiscal Impact: \$385,363.00 from 2018 Highway Capital Funds

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Johnson
Highway Commissioner

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Ordinance/18-19/080 Fact