



## MINUTES

Eau Claire County • Committee on Highway

Thursday, January 16, 2020/ 6:15 a.m.

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

Members Present: Chairman Ray Henning, Supervisor Carl Anton, Supervisor Nathan Anderson, Supervisor Judy Gatlin  
 Staff Present: Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson, Assistant Commissioner Brian Spilde, Engineer Janelle Hestekin, Administrative Associate Rachael Bien

1. **Meeting called to order by Chairman Henning at 6:15 a.m.**
2. **Past committee meeting minutes (1/2/2019) - Discussion/Action**  
 Motion: Supervisor Gatlin motioned for approval, Anderson 2nd. Motion approved 3-0.
3. **Public comment** – Bruce Logterman Town of Bridge Creek. Met with 5 Senators regarding SB 558. Carol Peuse read a letter that was sent along with Bruce. Both spoke on licensing animal drawn vehicles. Nick Smiar and Frank Draxler were present.
4. **Damage caused to Highways by animal drawn vehicles- Discussion/Action**  
 Reviewed memorandum from 2018 and pictures from 2016-2017. Carol Peuse handed out City of Augusta Ordinance Regarding damage to the roads. Anton Motioned to create a draft ordinance for committee to review similar to N and O in City of Augusta Ordinance on county roads in Eau Claire County. Gatlin 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-0 Motion Carried
5. **Winter maintenance operations policy**  
 Reviewed winter maintenance operations policy draft reviewed. Would like it to go into the policy and procedure manual when complete
6. **Altoona buyout of tower lease-Discussion/Action**  
 The company still needs to approve the purchase for \$800k. It will not affect our property value. The intent is for the money to stay with the Highway department, Anderson motioned to approve Gatlin 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-0 Motion carried
7. **Highway Report**  
 Highway Commissioner Update, Jon Johnson spoke on the following:
  - Attended winter road school.
  - Jon President of WCHA
  - HR approved the position change from welder to mechanic
 Operations Update, Brian Spilde spoke on the following:
  - Plowing and Brushing
  - Guardrail repair
  - Flagger training
 Financial Update, Jon Johnson Spoke on the following
  - Yearend meeting with Finance
  - Accountant started
 Engineering Update, Janelle Hestekin spoke on the following:
  - 2020 Project designs getting finalized
  - CTH D bridge bids came in
  - DNR Finalized permits for this year
  - Working on public notices going out soon
8. **Payment vouchers (1/10/20)**

Vouchers were reviewed and signed.  
Gatlin motioned for approval Henning 2nd Approved 4-0

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

Future Meetings:

- Thursday, February 6, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.
- Thursday, February 20, 2019 at 6:15 a.m.

**10. Meeting adjourned by Chairman Henning at 7:41 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Rachael Bien*

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Approved 02/06//2020