

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

Location: Highway Department Committee Room
S1672 State Road 37, Alma, Wisconsin

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Chairman Danzinger called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 9:02 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2018 in the Highway Department Committee Room, S1672 State Road 37, Alma, Wisconsin.

Buffalo County Highway Committee members present at the meeting were: Mr. Danzinger, Mr. Brunkow, Mr. Bork and Mr. Grisen. Mr. Platteter, Buffalo County Highway Commissioner, was also present. Others present for all/part of the meeting were Kelly Johnston, Patrol Superintendent. Mr. Taylor was an excused absence.

The minutes of the March 13, 2018 regular Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Mr. Brunkow, seconded by Mr. Bork and unanimously approved by the committee.

The meeting agenda was approved.

There were no public comments regarding Agenda items.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #024888 through #024942, totaling \$78,633.49. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork, and seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Unanimously approved by the committee.

The Highway Committee members reviewed and discussed accounts payable vouchers #024943 through #024980, totaling \$391,098.13. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Brunkow, and seconded by Mr. Grisen. Unanimously approved by the committee.

Staffing:

- A. Retirement Replacement – The posting for filling the foreman’s position was posted internally at all five highway shops. Will wait to see who applies, if anybody, as all internal applications are due in by 4:00p.m., April 12, 2018. There will be a 2-3 week trial period for the foreman’s job. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to start advertising to fill a patrolman’s position. Mr. Grisen seconded. Carried.
- B. Summer Mowing Operators – Mr. Bork made a motion to hire three summer staff positions. Mr. Brunkow seconded. Carried.

Equipment:

- A. Mini Excavator – Consideration of changing the already approved and budgeted 2-ton dump truck for \$30,000.00 and switching the funds to a used mini excavator. Mr. Bork made a motion to get some quotes together for the next meeting, Mr. Brunkow seconded. Carried.
- B. Small Tanker (Anti-Icing) – Truck #86 (Brine Truck) tank broke and we had it repaired to try and make the winter. The tank is starting to leak again.
 - 1) Check pricing for a new tank and an additional truck/tank setup similar to what we currently have. Which is a single axle truck with a 1600 gallon tank.
 - 2) Check pricing on a bigger truck and tank. About a 3000 gallon tank.
 - 3) Check pricing on two trailer/tank setup costs.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Waumandee Shop-Use Agreement – The building is owned 50/50 between the Town of Waumandee/Buffalo County. The land is owned by the Town of Waumandee. Expenses are to be 65/35, Buffalo County/Town of Waumandee, except the utilities which are still 50/50. Buffalo County occupies 53% of the building and the Town of Waumandee occupies 47% of the building after the remodel. Suggested to set a meeting with the Town of Waumandee to discuss cost sharing.
- B. Cameras – The fourth camera was installed on 4/10/18 at the Alma shop. All four cameras are up and operational.
- C. Shop Lighting – We are waiting for estimates from Terry’s Electric and Seitz Electric for the Alma Shop and the Fountain City Shop.
- D. Alma Shop/Office Yard – The approaches entering the salt sheds need to be redone as they are breaking up. We are getting prices for concrete approaches in front of both of the Alma salt sheds. We are also milling and paving the parking lot. This will all be taking place around the first or second week of May. Weather permitting.

Roads & Bridges:

County -

- a) 2018 Road Construction & Maintenance – We are budgeted for 6.5 miles of road construction and 5 miles of chip seal for 2018 with an additional 20 miles of chip seal that should be done. Suggested to get bids for the 5 miles of chip seal and for the additional 20 miles of chip seal in case some extra funds can be found. Discuss at next meeting.
- b) Disaster Recovery & Drainage Maintenance – There is a lot of flood damage ditching and drainage maintenance that needs to be done throughout the county. State and County roads.
- c) 2018 Road Survey – We are starting to see a lot of premature road failures throughout the county. This is due to multiple reasons. A lot of these roads were done during the oil crunch where asphalt was supposed to be 6% but was actually closer to 4%. Roads were being paved at 2 ¼”-2 ½” when 3” of asphalt should be the minimum. Consistently more traffic every year and everything is getting bigger and heavier. More chip seals are needed to prolong road life.
- d) Future Funding Plans – Keep on Agenda for discussion.

State –

- a) 2018 Projects – STH 54 mill/fill; STH 95 chip seal 4.4 miles; STH 88 ditching (Flood Damage); STH 37 ditching (Flood Damage) and STH 88 crack fill. All tentative, nothing is 100% set yet.

Townships –

- a) Misc. Work – Some small miscellaneous work to be done but nothing major identified yet.

Safety Training Schedule: Safety Day will be April 19, 2018 starting at 7:30a.m.

Commissioner’s Report:

- Mr. Platteter has NACE Conference from April 22-26th at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells.
- Summer Conference is June 4-6th.

Committee Member’s Report: None

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

Mr. Bork made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Grisen seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee