

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: BUFFALO COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, August 14, 2018

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

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Chairman Grisen called a regular scheduled meeting of the Buffalo County Highway Committee to order at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 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. Taylor, 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.

The minutes of the July 10, 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 #025164 through #025250, totaling \$206,872.41. A motion to approve the accounts payable was made by Mr. Bork and seconded by Mr. Taylor. Unanimously approved by the Committee.

Amendment: Mr. Brunkow made a motion to amend the minutes from the June 12, 2018 meeting. The amendment was that the Buffalo County Highway Committee meeting did not adjourn until after the meeting with the Town of Waumandee. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Motion carried.

Staffing:

- A. Open Patrol Position – There were 10 applications. Mr. Platteter, Mr. Grisen, Ms. Creighton and Mr. Johnston went through all of the applications. The top three applicants were decided and interviews were done. The new patrolman will be chosen and starting within the next few weeks.
- B. Summer LTE – The description of this job is still be defined and written up.

Equipment:

- A. Purchase of Kobelco Excavator – a Kobelco Excavator was leased for \$5,200.00 a month for construction work being done. Mr. Taylor made a motion that we purchase the excavator and cancel out the \$4,000.00 for a man lift and \$5,000.00 for misc. Mr. Danzinger seconded. Mr. Danzinger amended the motion that we purchase the excavator for \$32,849.00 with a new set of chains. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to approve the amended motion to purchase the excavator. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.
- B. Brine Maker & Anti-Icing Equipment – We have received some quotes back on new brine makers and setups. We would have to agree to one route as a liquid only route and 20% less rock salt being used. Still in the process of getting everything taken care of.
- C. Leasing vs. Purchasing – With the type of leasing for heavy equipment available you still end up owning the piece of equipment at the end of the lease. Only now you have made payments and interest payments.

Buildings & Grounds:

- A. Alma Shop Pavement Sealing – Tried to get more bids for the pavement sealing at the Alma Shop, but we were only able to get one bid because there are not a lot of companies in the area that do this type of work. Bargen did this work on 8/13/18 and stayed within the \$10,000.00 estimate.

- B. Shop Lights – Talk to a 3rd party such as a supplier or other contractor and see what they suggest for specs on a LED light system for the Alma and Fountain City Shops. This way all bids will be specified for the same lights setups.
- C. Town of Waumandee Agreement – A new agreement will be drawn up by Corporation Counsel. Basically it will be the same as the old agreement with a couple revisions. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve the agreement. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion Carried.
- D. Fuel Management – check on options of going to yearly contracts for fuel and computerized systems at Fountain City, Alma and Mondovi shops. The computerized systems would keep track of equipment numbers, hours and fuel used; as well as the possibility of other departments using these fuel locations, such as the Sheriff's Dept., DHHS, etc. The computerized systems would cost \$8,500.00 each for a total of \$25,500.00. Discuss with Sheriff's Dept., DHHS, Finance, etc. to see if there is any interest. Contact other Commissioners and see who has these types of setups and what there is for savings.

Roads & Bridges:

- A. 2018 Project Status – Construction for CTH M is done except for paving which will be starting the week of August 27, 2018. This project ran into a cost overage, but money is being received from flood damages and CHIP program, so it will be covered. CTH CC is on schedule and budget. Will be moving to CTH J next, then to CTH WW.
- B. Maintenance Projects – Chip Seals are beginning. STH 95 is being done now, then the Township of Milton and then to some CTH's.
- C. Bridge Program Consultant Selection – Will be starting for the bridges that are to be redone. Mr. Taylor said he would be willing to take part in the selection process again. Will look at possibly grouping some of the bridges together.
- D. Culvert Inventory Plan – No plan as of yet. Talked with the mower guys, but doesn't sound like they are interested in doing this job. Also start doing GPS locating on culverts as they are being placed on construction projects.
- E. Joint Meeting w/ Land Conservation – Check on getting together with Land Conservation to discuss doing culvert inventories and figure out why culverts are plugging and what can be done to fix issues.
- F. Mowing Status – The State finished up mowing July 12, 2018 and will be starting their second mow in October. The County has started their second mowing of the County roads.

Budget Update:

An 8.534% budget increase from the 2018 budget would be needed for 2019 to do the 10.6 miles of road construction and 18 miles of chip seal to stay on a 30 year rotation. Extra money for extra miles to catch up on the miles we are behind will be determined in November at the election for a budget referendum.

Corps of Engineers Sand Storage:

Talked with Mr. Castleberg about being able to cross his property and getting an easement to do so. He said yes. Mr. Castleberg has come up with a better location for the road entrance being that a roadway would need to be redone anyway. This would make for less travelling on town roads and better visibility.

5 Yr. Strategic Plan:

On hold until after the election/referendum.

Commissioner's Report:

Starting to look at upcoming equipment and construction plans for 2019.

Committee Member's Report:

It has been brought to a Committee Member's attention that there is a possibility of ATV's on the County roads will be brought up again. The operation of ATV's and side by sides on County and State roadways is illegal in Buffalo County and will remain that way as of now.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 9:00a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Brunkow made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary, Buffalo County Highway Committee