

September 11, 2006

Chairman Thomas called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. Five members were present. Also in attendance was Jim Griffiths, citizen. Bud Trader, Iowa County Personnel Director, arrived at 9:15 a.m.

An observance was made by Theobald that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Anderson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mueller made a motion to accept the agenda. Theobald seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes were accepted by Mueller. Seconded by Theobald. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim Griffiths expressed concern to the Highway Committee that he felt some of the County trucks were being driven too fast. He would like to see signage on the back of the trucks reading, "How am I driving?" He would then like to see a phone number to the Highway Office listed underneath. The Highway Committee will look into this.

The following items were on the agenda:

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) The Highway Committee shall entertain motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; (Grievance 02-06), Employees Performance, Highway Commissioner position). Motion by Theobald, seconded by Mueller to go into closed session at 9:28 a.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- 2) Return to Open Session. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Anderson to return to open session at 11:50 a.m. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Anderson, to pay three days of bereavement pay to Chuck Dahl to settle Grievance 02-06. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Mueller, seconded by

Theobald, to deny Art Humbert's request to drive County vehicles based on need. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Retro Accounts Receivable Review. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mueller, to write off all 2005 and 2006 miscellaneous retro bills. These bills are the result of the Highway Union Contract being settled on August 1, 2006. Thomas and Theobald abstained from the vote. Motion passed 2 to 1. Yeses were Anderson and Mueller. No was Roberts.
- 4) Budget Update. Lisa Rose Vosberg presented the committee with the year to date totals for 2006. She also informed the Highway Committee there was an increase in the amount of the 2007 Highway Budget by \$21,216.00 due to the increase of health insurance premiums. No action taken.
- 5) Set agenda timeline. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mueller, that the cut off for Highway Committee meeting agenda items need to be to Lisa Rose no later than noon on the last working day of the week. Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) CTH – K intersection costs. Leo informed the Highway Committee that MSA Engineering firm made an error when submitting the improvement costs for the CTH – K intersection. MSA did not include the costs for clearing, grubbing, and excavation of rock. This error resulted in additional costs to the County of \$43,906.00. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Anderson, for the Highway Department to pay the additional costs of \$43,906.00. The Highway Committee also expressed disappointment in the MSA Engineering firm. The Highway Committee will not recommend using MSA Engineering firm in the future. The motion passed unanimously.
- 7) Job Descriptions. No action taken.
- 8) Attenuator purchase. Motion by Theobald, seconded by Mueller to purchase an attenuator from the State for \$4,000. Motion passed unanimously.
- 9) Easement with Dodgeville Agri Service. Ken Von Rueden arrived at the Highway Committee meeting at 12:30 p.m. Motion by Mueller, seconded by Anderson, to recommend the following to the Property Committee:

- *Quit claim deed from VitaPlus to Iowa County.
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- *Permanent Easement from Iowa County to VitaPlus.
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The motion is also subject to the information received from Mr. Von Rueden that the building codes are not affected by easements and goes to the property line. Motion passed unanimously.

- 10.) Tour of Highway Department if time permits. Time did not permit tour of Highway Department.

Anderson made a motion to approve vouchers #841 through #916, for a total of \$558,320.28. This includes two regular payrolls of \$237,471.10, and 2005-2006 retro payroll totaling \$157,535.81. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mueller. Seconded by Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.
Minutes by Lisa Rose Vosberg