

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

January 21, 2008

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, January 21, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Vice Chair Phil Roberts.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Dana Perry, Dale Theobald and Phil Roberts.

Committee members excused/absent: Sup. Eric Anderson and Joe Thomas. Also present: Sup. Ron Berg, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman, Patrol Superintendents Mark James and Randy Sudmeier and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.

Sup. Dana Perry moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Dale Theobald. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Dale Theobald moved approval of the January 21, 2008 agenda and December 3, 2007 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Dana Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee: None

Highway Commissioner Report: Leo Klosterman reviewed the following items with the Committee:

1. With the continued heavy winter weather, the department is staying very busy.
2. Last Thursday there were two accidents involving County Highway personnel. The 1st involved a semi that jackknifed causing it to rear-end the highway plow eastbound 151 near Ridgeway. The driver (Doug Judd) was not injured. The truck was taken to Madison for repairs and will be back on-line by tomorrow. The second accident involved Scott Reddell who was plowing eastbound US 151 near Ridgeway. The wing blade apparently sunk into some fresh asphalt patch and nicked the cement causing the wing to strike the driver door. Mr. Reddell was pushed across the cab and managed to slow before striking a rock wall. He was very lucky in that he suffered some minor injuries. The driver side and front windshield were broken. The County is waiting for the

property insurance carrier to inspect the vehicle and it may be totaled. Pictures of both trucks were distributed.

The Committee expressed relief that nothing more serious happened to the employees.

3. Salt usage and costs reviewed with the County is able to purchase salt from a La Crosse. Due to demand for materials, the costs for purchasing salt are higher than normal.
4. Superintendents James and Sudmeier reported that all employees have been giving their all, to plowing duties. No employee has turned down a request to work additional hours. Employees that were scheduled for vacation in December voluntarily cancelled their vacation plans. The Committee commended the employees for the dedication and commitment to keeping the roads safe. Both superintendents acknowledged that they have worked their staff to the fullest extent possible. For December, the department was short four employees due to vacancies, medical leave, etc. Superintendent James noted that the County routes are covered by 18 plows.
5. Discussion given on difficulty in keeping roads cleared last month and the fog situations.
6. The Poppe issue will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Mineral Point T-Rider Snowmobile Club Request – Leo Klosterman reviewed background of request and distributed correspondence from the Club. The organization is required under state statute to obtain permission from the Highway Department to use 10 foot from the road surface.

Sup. Dana Perry moved approval of the Mineral Point T-Rider Snowmobile Club's request. Motion was seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald. Motion passed unanimously.

2. 2008 Committee Meeting Schedule – Leo Klosterman distributed updated meeting schedule per the new committee meeting reorganization and reviewed highlights. Randy Terronez to check into

election of officers as the old committee is being eliminated and a new committee is being established.

3. Leo Klosterman distributed and reviewed a request for renewal of the following agreements:
 - a. Between Town of Mifflin and Iowa County Highway Department for storage of salt and sanding materials in county owned shed. 2 year agreement – 1/1/08 to 12/31/09 No change to the \$100/month rent.
 - b. Between Town of Brigham and Iowa County Highway Department for salt/sanding storage rental space. 5 year agreement – 1/1/08 to 12/31/12. No change to the current \$200/month rate.
 - c. Between Larry Anding and Iowa County Highway Department for equipment rental space. 1 year agreement – 1/1/08 to 12/31/08, an increase of \$25 to \$225/month.

Sup. Dale Theobald moved approval of the agreements as presented by the Highway Commissioner. Motion was seconded by Sup. Dana Perry. Motion passed unanimously.

4. The Closed Session items were postponed due to the weather/union employees out on road.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, February 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Dana Perry. Seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez