

## **IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **March 31, 2008**

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, March 31, 2008 at 6:02 p.m. and was called to order by Chair Joe Thomas.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Joe Thomas, Eric Anderson, Dale Theobald, Phil Roberts, Ron Berg, Mark Masters and Larry Steffes.

Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Charles Anderson and Dana Perry.

Also present: Sups. Bob Bunker, Ron Benish and Bill Ehr, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman, Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert, Patrol Superintendent Mark James.

Sup. Eric Anderson moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Larry Steffes. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Dale Theobald moved for approval of the March 31, 2008 agenda and March 3, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Ron Berg. Motion passed unanimously.

Report from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee: Ron Benish noted that he had received complaints about torn up roadsides along Hwy 80 between Highland and Cobb due to plowing while other roadsides did not seem to be in that condition. It was explained that the snow-covered roadsides had no frost and the ground was also getting pushed back.

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

1. With the change in weather, the work duties currently include cleaning machinery, putting riprap at the quarry, brushing, and removing wings from the equipment.
2. Proposals were received for the 2008 Bridge Inspections. A contract was signed with Dave Lambert, P.E. at a cost of \$32 per bridge.

**Approval of bills:** Jeri Grabbert noted that bills in the amount of \$292,199.32 were paid to date in March 2008.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1) Bid openings:

- a. Road Oil bids: Two bids were received for road oil. They were submitted by Flint Hills Resources, 1550 Koch Court, Dubuque, IA 52001 and Henry G. Meigs, LLC, 1220 Superior Street, Portage, WI 53901. The sealed bids were opened and read by Chairman Joe Thomas. Both companies were represented and agreed to match each other's low bid prices.

A motion was made by Sup. Dale Theobald and seconded by Sup. Eric Anderson to accept the bids with the agreement to match each other's low bid prices. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Culverts and Bands bids: Two bids were received for culverts and bands. They were submitted by Contech Construction, 6441 Enterprise Lane, Madison, WI 53719 and Metal Culverts, Inc., 2107 Rear Missouri Blvd., Jefferson City, MO 65102. The sealed bids were opened and read by Chairman Joe Thomas. Chairman Thomas noted that in the past all bids were accepted to get the cheaper price at the time needed.

A motion was made by Sup. Larry Steffes and seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald to accept both bids. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) 2008 Discretionary Maintenance Agreements with Wisconsin Department of Transportation – Leo Klosterman distributed agreements and reviewed highlights. This year's amount for Pavement Marking is \$277,700 and for Traffic Signing it is \$13,300.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald to approve the 2008 Discretionary Maintenance Agreements with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3) Accounts Receivable account – Jeri Grabbert informed the committee of an account in the amount of \$154.81 that has been on the books for

about 1 year and we have not been able to collect on it. The likelihood of collection is very low and it was requested to write this account off.

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg, seconded by Sup. Phil Roberts to write off this accounts receivable account of \$154.81. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4) Truck replacements - Leo Klosterman reviewed the insurance recovery for the truck that was damaged in January. The insurance company has totaled the truck and we will receive coverage for replacement of a like vehicle, less the deductible. A like vehicle would be a single axle, although the Highway Department will be replacing this vehicle with a tandem, automatic truck. A proposal was distributed showing that a tandem truck with plow, wing, and sander could be about \$157,750. The insurance recovery information received from the County Clerk indicated a possible amount of \$108,000 for the truck and \$59,000 for the plow and wing.

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson, seconded by Sup. Dale Theobald to go out for bids on this truck replacement. Motion passed unanimously.

The Highway Department also is requesting the purchase of another truck. Leo Klosterman indicated that they would like to add another tri-axle to the fleet. This request brought about discussion of the current financial position of the Highway Department due to high winter costs. Jeri Grabbert reported that during the first quarter of 2008 winter costs incurred were about \$1.3 million. The 2008 budget for winter costs is \$641,000, therefore the winter cost budget has already been exceeded by about \$664,000 and December 2008 needs to be covered yet. Based on a ten-year comparison of December costs, it was projected that December 2008 may be around \$250,000. Also the salt inventory will need to be replenished, which Leo Klosterman estimated at about \$450,000. This totals about \$1.5 million. Adding this requested tri-axle truck at about \$175,000 and the cost of sealcoating could raise the funds needed to about \$2 million. Much discussion followed about the options that must be considered to cover these costs. Mark Masters would like Leo Klosterman and Jeri Grabbert to meet with Randy Terronez and Roxie Hamilton to further discuss these options.

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. Eric Anderson to go out for bids on the tri-axle truck, to at least start the process and get amounts. Motion passed unanimously.

- 5) The Transportation Committee entertained a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1) (c) WI Statutes for considering employment, promotion, compensation and performance evaluation data of any public employment over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (Retirement).

Motion by Sup. Eric Anderson , seconded by Sup. Ron Berg to proceed into closed session at 7:38 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Thomas, E. Anderson, Theobald, Roberts, R. Berg, Masters and Steffes) 0 No. (Excused/Absent: Sup. C. Anderson and Perry.) Sups. Ron Benish and Bob Bunker, Leo Klosterman, Jeri Grabbert, and Mark James, were present in the closed session.

- 6) Return to Open Session. Motion by Sup. Dale Theobald, seconded by Sup. Ron Berg to return to open session at 7:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 7 Yes (Sups. Thomas, E. Anderson, Theobald, Roberts, R. Berg, Masters and Steffes) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Sup. C. Anderson and Perry.)

The next Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, May 5, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Eric Anderson. Seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert