

## **IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **September 8, 2008**

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, Ron Berg, Dave Bauer and Brad Wells.

Committee members excused/absent: None.

Also present: Sup. Tom Mueller, County Administrator Randy Terronez, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman, Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert, Michael Blotz and family.

Sup. Ron Benish moved that the meeting had been duly advertised. Seconded by Sup. John Meyers. Motion passed unanimously.

Sup. Dave Bauer moved for approval of the September 8, 2008 agenda and August 4 and August 15, 2008 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public/Member Comment: None.

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

1. WK Construction, the contractor for the cold in place recycling project was able to find a replacement oil supplier.
2. Roads YZ and ZZ were seal coated. This had been delayed due to the June flooding. Road G in the Rewey area paving is underway.
3. The DOT roundabout project is scheduled for completion the week of Sept. 22.
4. Some mowing is being done in spite of the department workforce being exclusively on seal coat/other projects.
5. The overhead fuel tank removal soils investigation report should be completed soon.

6. In regard to employment issues, Tom Ryan retired; a new county helper will be starting the week of September 22 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> mechanic position is being advertised. Another person could be retiring in October.

**Old Business:**

- 1).** Follow up Discussion on Speed Limit on Highway Q - Leo Klosterman reviewed Traffic Safety Committee meeting. It was noted that Leo voted against the lowering of the speed limit from 55 mph to 45 mph as it would set a bad precedent. The Committee agreed to hold off on acting on the item until staff returns with a proposed policy. Staff will be checking with other counties.

**New Business:**

- 1) Michael Blotz Driveway – Michael Blotz and family with Sup. Tom Mueller were present regarding the issue of Highway Department’s elimination of driveway. Leo Klosterman reviewed residential driveway application from Joshua Zinkle, Corporate Counsel correspondence to Mr. Blotz on blocking road right of way, Sup. Larry Steffes involvement in attempt to resolve the issue, etc.

Mr. Zinkle, the property owner to the south of Mr. Blotz removed a driveway that Mr. Blotz had been using to access his field for years. The department attempted to rectify the issue by installing a driveway with a 10 foot culvert extension. Mr. Blotz is not satisfied. Mr. Blotz stated that since the Highway Department authorized Mr. Zinkle to remove the driveway/culvert, it is the County’s responsibility to 1.) remove the 10 foot culvert/pipe extension; 2.) install a 30 foot tube; and 2.) address the drainage problem caused by the County and/or Zinkle.

Mr. Blotz indicated that he can access his field but not without trespassing onto Zinkle’s property.

Motion by Sup. Dave Bauer seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to table action on this issue pending determination of property ownership by owners and to direct the department to not do anything further. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2) Salt availability – agenda enclosure reviewed. Several local units of government have expressed concern with the lack of availability of salt for the upcoming season. Due to the supplier limitations, the department will be mixing salt with crushed stone. All local units will be allocated this salt-crushed stone mix.

- 3) Request to Replace Tandem Truck Box for Truck #118 – Leo Klosterman reviewed agenda enclosure. The current box is approximately 14 years old and is on a 1995 tandem truck. The unit will serve as the department's 2<sup>nd</sup> spare truck for the winter season.

Discussion on capability of repairing the box to last another year.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer to request department to repair existing box and if unable to report back to the next Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

- 4) Extension of 4-10 hour Work Schedule – Leo Klosterman reviewed progress of projects and noted cost savings of keeping the schedule for another month. Discussion given on union contract language, etc.

Motion by Sup. John Meyers, seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to extend the 4-10 hour work schedule. Motion passed unanimously and the issue will be forwarded to Administrative Services Committee.

- 5) 2009 Budget Review – Randy Terronez gave a brief update. It is anticipated that the recommended budget will be presented at the September 16 Board meeting. It was agreed to schedule a special Transportation Committee to review budgets for 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 29.

- 6) 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. (Highway Commissioner Recruitment).

Motion by Sup. John Meyers, seconded by Sup. Ron Berg to proceed into closed session at 7:25 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 9 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Ron Berg, Dave Bauer, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, and Brad Wells,) 0 No.

Excused/Absent: None. Randy Terronez, Leo Klosterman and Jeri Grabbert, were also present in the closed session.

- 7) Return to Open Session. Motion by Sup. Ron Berg, seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to return to open session at 7:31 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 9 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, Ron Berg, Brad Wells and Dave Bauer) 0 No.  
Excused/Absent: None.

A special Transportation Committee is set for 6:00 p.m., Monday, September 29. The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, October 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sup. Bob Bunker, seconded by Sup. Ron Berg. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez