

## **IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

### **December 1, 2008**

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

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

Committee members excused/absent: None.

Also present: County Administrator Randy Terronez, Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman and Incoming Highway Commissioner Craig Hardy, John Gardner (AFSCME Highway Unit President) and Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert.

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

Introduction and Welcome for Craig Hardy, incoming Iowa County Highway Commissioner – the Committee members and Highway Department staff welcomed Mr. Hardy. Today was Craig's 1<sup>st</sup> day.

Sup. Gerald Dorscheid moved for approval of the December 1, 2008 agenda and October 27, 2008 minutes with the correction to the minutes – Member Comment Item #1 replace County Road K with County Road T and Commissioners Report Item #2 replace County Road K with County Road T. Motion was seconded by Sup. Ron Benish. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

- 1) Appearance of Mike Statz, MSA Engineers

Mike Statz and Marv Ruhland, MSA Engineers introduced themselves. They have been previously selected to engineer the County K bridge replacement. A chart was distributed and reviewed flood data.

Sup. John Meyers commented on the stream work undertaken by the Nature Conservancy and its impact on the County K bridge replacement.

General Public/Member Comment:

1. Sup. Ron Benish inquired on the status of the Rewey farmer's combine incident and Leo Klosterman indicated that the individual has been sent a bill for \$1,003.70 that is the result of the road damage caused by the farmer.
2. Sup. Ron Benish inquired on status of the two new trucks. Leo Klosterman stated that one has been delivered. It is being outfitted to get on the road. The 2<sup>nd</sup> truck is expected to be delivered prior to Christmas.
3. Sup. Ron Benish inquired on the mechanic vacancy. Leo Klosterman reported that the new person starts Monday, December 8.
4. Sup. Ron Benish inquired on the paint program. Leo Klosterman noted that the State has been informed about the potential for the County to discontinue the paint program.
5. Sup. Brad Wells commented on concerns of the intersection of Roaster Road and CTH G and US 23 /Highway 39 intersection.
6. Sup. Ron Berg relayed concerns on Highway 14 bridge issue.

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

1. The paint crew completed work for the year with a state project near Waunakee.
2. Staff have been busy getting the equipment ready for the winter season.
3. Truck #105 blew its engine and a replacement engine has been ordered.
4. The new salt application from Utah (called Ice Slicer) has not been put into use yet. It is anticipated to use 1/3<sup>rd</sup> less material.
5. As today is Craig Hardy's 1<sup>st</sup> full day, Craig has been busy getting orientated on Highway operations.
6. Leo invited members to look at the new truck at the conclusion of the meeting.

**Old Business:**

A. Drill and Blasting Quote

Due to lack of funds, this project will be delayed until next year. The department recently completed construction of the berm and is now looking into planting approximately 35 trees along the top of the 12 feet wide approximately 900 foot long berm.

Discussion given on potential to get quotes for leasing the approximately 40 acres of property and Randy Terronez will look into issue.

### **New Business:**

#### A) Appearance of Midwest Concrete

A representative of Midwest Concrete had requested to be placed on the agenda to discuss the salt availability policy. Leo Klosterman reviewed the policy for allowing past buyers (private snowplow/salting operators) of the County salt to continue to buy from the County but at last year's volume. The individual from Midwest Concrete did not show up.

#### B) Barneveld Trail Eagles Snowmobile Club request

Agenda enclosure reviewed and Leo noted that the Committee has approved the request the prior three years.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Ron Benish seconded to approve the Barneveld Trail Eagles Snowmobile Club requested use and mark the snowmobile route along County Road F to Countryside Lane south of Hollandale with the condition that all signage be posted at least 10 feet off the edge of the road and that all signs be removed next spring. Motion passed unanimously.

#### 2) WCHA 2009 Winter Conference

Agenda enclosure reviewed. The registration deadline is December 14. The Wednesday banquet will include honoring Leo Klosterman's retirement. The following Committee members indicated that they would attend: Sups. Ron Berg (attending days only of Tuesday and Wednesday) and Gerald Dorscheid. Sup. Ron Benish will let staff know tomorrow if he is able to attend.

Randy Terronez noted that there may be a special Board meeting relative to the Health and Human Services Building project on Thursday, January 22 or Tuesday, January 27 which is one of the days for the Highway conference.

#### 3) Retirement Event for Highway Commissioner Leo Klosterman

Per Leo's wishes, a reception will be scheduled for mid January. The specific date will be announced at the December 15 County Board meeting.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, January 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez