

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

February 2, 2009

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

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

Committee members excused/absent: Brad Wells and Dave Bauer.

Also present: County Administrator Randy Terronez, Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy and Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert.

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

Sup. Gerald Dorscheid moved for approval of the February 2, 2009 agenda and January 5, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. Motion passed unanimously.

General Public/Member Comment:

1. Sup. Ron Benish, Ron Berg and Gerald Dorscheid commented on their attendance at last week's Highway Conference. All were very impressed at the content and exchange of information. It was strongly encouraged that all members of the Transportation Committee attend a conference. Sup. Benish urged County participation on the Association's Legislative Committee as a means of ensuring Iowa County receives its fair share of state – federal monies.
2. Sup. Bob Bunker complimented the department on the use of snow fence on CTH E.

Highway Commissioner Report: Craig Hardy reviewed the following items with the Committee:

1. The Department has submitted projects totaling \$4.2 million under the Federal Stimulus process and a list was distributed.
2. An inventory is being developed of various highway assets such as culverts, guardrails, signage, etc. The inventory will incorporate GPS technology and will greatly add value to the budgeting process.
3. As a result of the Minnesota bridge collapse, the State DOT is developing a bridge load rating system. Iowa County (including towns) has 52 bridges built prior to 1975 that this system would impact.
4. The Department is working with the Village of Ridgeway on Groves St./CTH H. A diagram was distributed and the County will be responsible for \$60,000 of the total project cost.
5. In January, the Department processed 4 permits involving CTH HHH, X and two driveway permits.

6. Attended a meeting in Ridgeway for the DOT Freeway Expansion from Verona to the Dodgeville interchange at 18/151. The DOT is considering 4 design options. A number of interchanges are being proposed and several current road access points onto 151 will be closed off. A meeting is scheduled for Dodgeville Town and the Village of Barneveld.
7. The study is underway on relocating the stop sign at Hwy. 39/US 23 that will improve safety.
8. A study is underway on CTH K south of US-14 to deal with cars running off the road curve. Discussion given on possible increased signage.
9. The March Committee meeting will include a request from Mr. Poppe regarding the road right of way.

Old Business:

- A. Agreement with Fairgrounds for rental space for highway equipment
Item postponed to next Committee meeting.
- B. Relocation Order for River Road Bridge and Approaches, Town of Arena

Craig Hardy reviewed agenda enclosure noting the DOT requires Committee action. This project is scheduled for a March letting. He noted that due to state budget constraints, the April, May, and June PS&E (Plans, Specifications and Estimates) bridge projects will be delayed to the July letting due to exceeding the statutory budget for FY2009.

Sup. Ron Benish moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to approve the Relocation Order for River Road Bridge and Approaches, Town of Arena. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- A) Routine Maintenance Agreement Historical Comparison

Craig Hardy and Jeri Grabbert reviewed information showing the state amount and actual activity by year. The County is reimbursed 100% from the state for this type of work. Committee members complimented Craig on the information and explanation.

- B.) Flood Damage Aids Petition

Jeri Grabbert stated that the Department is eligible for flood reimbursement in three categories:

1. FEMA projects – this list has already been submitted for FEMA reimbursement. The \$147,000 of repairs is funded by 75% FEMA, 12.5% State and 12.5% County funded (\$18,375).
2. Federal Highway Administration – for non FEMA eligible projects and \$150,000 in repairs is being processed/reimbursed.
3. Small repairs under \$5,000 – the agenda enclosure covers the smaller flood repair projects.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Ron Benish seconded to approve the Flood Damage Aids Petition allowing the County Highway Department to be reimbursed \$9,869.56 for flood repairs under \$5,000. Motion passed unanimously.

C.) Committee Restructuring Survey Results

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Committee agreed that if a large crowd is anticipated, the Committee will meet at the Courthouse - County Board Room.

D.) Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility (APAR) between Ho-Chunk Nation, the County of Iowa and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Sup. Ron Benish moved and Sup. Bob Bunker seconded to table action until the next Committee meeting and request the Highway Commissioner to obtain additional information. Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, March 2, 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 7:20 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez

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