

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

March 2, 2009

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, March 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, Brad Wells, Dave Bauer and Gerald Dorscheid.

Committee members excused/absent: None.

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 March 2, 2009 agenda and February 2, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. Ron Berg noted a change in the draft minutes. His vote on the Arena bridge (Old Business Item (B)) was No. Motion with amendment to minutes passed unanimously.

General Public/Member Comment:

1. Sup. Bob Bunker asked about issues with CTH G and it was noted that Item 7(D) will address his questions.
2. Sup. John Meyers asked about 4th quarter, 2008 financial position and reports. This will be placed on the next agenda for reporting and discussion.
3. Sup. John Meyers asked if new hires have been plowing snow. Craig noted that Shawn Hamilton has been plowing but Jason Hentrich, as mechanic, has not been out. Both new employees are doing good jobs.

New Business:

- A) Appearance of Laura Kovinsky for Iowa County Humane Society Fun Run route. Appearing with Ms. Kovinsky were Dodgeville High School Seniors Heather Riniker and Rachel Philipps, who planned and are organizing the Fun Run. Heather and Rachel presented their desires to do a fundraiser for the Iowa County Humane Society. They have received sponsorships who are contributing towards the costs. Ms. Kovinsky has already made contact with Dave Bauer of the City of Dodgeville, County Sheriff Steve Michek, the Dodgeville Town Board, City of Dodgeville Public Works, and City of Dodgeville Fire Department for support of the event. They are requesting support from the County Highway Department as well. Craig said that the Highway Department could assist with traffic control by placing their message board along the route on Friday afternoon before the run. There will be a 5K (3.1 miles) run, starting at the intersection of Bennett and Leffler, to CTH Z, to CTH YZ, to Bennett, and ending at the Humane

Society. There will also be a 2-mile run down CTH Z and back, and a 100 meter kids run. The fun run will be held on Saturday March 21, 2009 and will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Sup. Ron Benish made a motion to support the efforts of the Fun Run, seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

- B) Randal Poppe request for vacation of right of way. Craig Hardy presented the letter he received from Randal Poppe requesting vacation of the right of way. Much discussion took place with explanations from both the Murphy's and the Poppe's on their viewpoints. Sup. Ron Berg stated that this issue was not between the Poppe's and the Transportation Committee nor was it between the Murphy's and the Transportation Committee. This issue is between the Murphy's and the Poppe's. Ron Berg said this is not something that the Transportation Committee can decide. Sup. Brad Wells agreed. Sup. Dave Bauer noted that the opinion of Corporate Counsel was clear in stating that the County should not take any action that assumes ownership. Corporate Counsel's opinion concluded that the County should take no action "until such time as the County receives an agreement between the land owners or a judicial order declaring ownership of the disputed parcel."

Motion by Sup. Dave Bauer and seconded by Sup. Brad Wells to take no action on this issue. Motion passed unanimously.

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

- A) Senator Dale Schultz will be at the Highway Department on Monday March 9, 2009 from 4:45 to 5:45 to discuss Highway Department issues. Department management will be present and members of the Transportation Committee and Administration are invited to attend. Senator Schultz will also present an acknowledgement to Leo Klosterman.
- B) CHIP projects done in 2008 included CTH E and CTH G. The work on CTH G did not reach the maximum allotment. Of the remaining allotment, approximately \$14,000 was transferred to the CTH E project for reimbursement and the remaining approximate \$220,000 became available to other counties who could meet the completion deadline of June 30, 2009. The counties of Rock, Dodge, and Columbia had projects in place that would meet the deadline and Columbia was awarded the distribution at the February Commissioner's meeting. The amount redistributed to Columbia County will go towards the entitlement for Iowa County in 2011.
- C) Plans were received from KD Engineering for the intersection of CTH Q and Military Ridge to be re-constructed at a 90° turn to meet DOT standards.
- D) Summer 2009 construction plans include CTH G in Mifflin and River Road in Town of Arena. These two projects are part of the stimulus program. Other projects are Hwy. 80 from Highland to CTH P, Hwy. 14 Wisconsin River Bridge, CTH H at Knight Hollow Creek in Town of Arena, maintenance work on Hwy. 39 from Hollandale to the east county line (done by local forces), and maintenance work on Hwy. 191 from Dodgeville to Hollandale (mainly CTH BB to CTH W also done by county forces). And last is Hwy 39 from Hollandale to Hwy. 23, which could possibly be done in 2009 or 2010 as a federal stimulus project.
- E) The fuel handling rate has been calculated with 2008 costs. It will be reduced from \$0.12 in 2008 to \$0.055/Gal. in 2009. Sup. Ron Berg requested that the next agenda include

giving the Highway Commissioner the discretion of setting this rate for 2009 and in the future.

Old Business:

- A) Agreement with Fairgrounds for rental space for highway equipment. Craig Hardy discussed the proposal and reviewed highlights. He noted that we store 5 tractors and the paint truck at the fairgrounds. The agreement called for the exchange of manpower and equipment for the use of the rental space. The committee felt that amount of manpower and equipment proposed was excessive and requested that this be revisited. The county provides an annual supplement of about \$35,000 to the Fair Association as well as a contribution to them of about \$50,000 several years ago to build a goat barn. Craig will contact the Fair Association about a revised agreement.
- B) Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility (APAR) between Ho-Chunk Nation, the County of Iowa and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Agenda enclosure reviewed. Craig received a legal opinion from Corporate Counsel that this does not seem to have a downside for the County and there could be the potential of federal funding for road repairs.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to recommend approval to the County Board of Supervisors of the Acknowledgement of Public Authority Responsibility (APAR) between Ho-Chunk Nation, the County of Iowa and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Motion passed unanimously.

Other New Business:

- A) Discretionary Maintenance Agreement (DMA) with the Department of Transportation. Agenda enclosure reviewed. The DMA includes Pavement Marking for \$242,700 and Traffic Signing for \$10,700 for a total of \$253,400.

Sup. Dave Bauer moved and Sup. John Meyers seconded to approve the Discretionary Maintenance Agreement (DMA) with the Department of Transportation. Motion passed unanimously.
- B) CTH G Right of Way Plat, Relocation Order, and acquisition of right-of-way agreements. Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to approve the CTH G Right of Way Plat and Relocation Order. Motion passed unanimously.
- C) Act 167 County Bridge Permanent Load Rate Postings. Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Sup. Ron Benish moved and Sup. Dave Bauer seconded to approve the Act 167 County Bridge Permanent Load Rate Postings. Motion passed unanimously.

- D) CTH G & XX Temporary Load Rate Postings. Craig Hardy explained the issues and recommended a Temporary Class B weight limit on these roads until mid-May or early June.

Sup. Ron Berg moved and Sup. Bob Bunker seconded to approve the CTH G & XX Temporary Load Rate Postings until the frost comes out of the ground. Motion passed unanimously.

- E) CTH Improvements Design/Stimulus Program. Phase I is over. There were stringent requirements to be eligible. The road had to be a major collector and also meet the DOT's 3R Criteria, which are minimal environmental, historical, and right of way impacts. These requirements eliminated all but two of Iowa County's proposed roads.

Phase II provides for projects that can be constructed in FY 2010. A project would need to get into the design phase now to be ready for 2010 construction at 100% reimbursement. CTH C Bridge over Sneed Creek is about a \$480,000 construction project and had been cut from the 2009 budget. The design engineering cost of \$53,500 would be covered by an 80/20 split and the County share would be \$10,600. If this project is not ready for 2010 construction the County would have to do it under the 80/20 split at a cost of about \$96,000. To save \$96,000 the design engineering needs to be included in the 2009 budget and a contract with Mead and Hunt needs to be executed by March 31, 2009.

Sup. Ron Benish moved and Sup. Gerald Dorscheid seconded to approve the design engineering for the CTH C bridge over Sneed Creek. The sealcoat budget will be reduced to have funds for this project. Motion passed unanimously.

- F) 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. (AFSCME Highway 4 Ten Hour Work Day Agreement).

Motion by Sup. Ron Berg, seconded by Sup. John Meyer to proceed into closed session at 8:00 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 8 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, Ron Berg, and Brad Wells,) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Dave Bauer. Craig Hardy and Jeri Grabbert were also present in the closed session.

- G) Return to Open Session. Motion by Sup. Ron Berg, seconded by Sup. Brad Wells to return to open session at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed unanimously 8 Yes (Sups. Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, Mark Masters, John Meyers, Larry Steffes, Ron Berg, and Brad Wells) 0 No. Excused/Absent: Dave Bauer.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, seconded by Sup. John Meyers to recommend the proposed four 10-hour day agreement to the Administrative Services Committee with the following changes.

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| Item #1. | ... through the last Thursday in September . |
| Item #2 | Highway Office to be covered 5 days per week. |

- Item #3 Change workday to **7:00 AM to 5:00 PM**
- Item #6 ... employees will receive **eight (8) hours** holiday ... **and will work 4 8-hour days during each holiday week.**
- Item #9 ... not to exceed **eight (8)** hours in one workday.
- Item #11 ... expire on midnight on the last Thursday in **September (September 24, 2009)** ...

Motion passed unanimously.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, April 6, 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 8:30 p.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert