

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

October 5, 2009

The Transportation Committee met in the Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, October 5, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

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

Committee members excused/absent: Sup. Gerald Dorscheid

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy and Highway Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert.

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

Sup. Dave Bauer moved for approval of the October 5, 2009 agenda and the August 31, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Ron Benish. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports from committee members and an opportunity for members of the audience to address the committee.

None

Old Business

- A. CTH H Bridge Update. Craig Hardy distributed pictures to show the completion of the bridge and stated the road has been re-opened to traffic.
- B. CTH H Culvert Railing. Craig Hardy distributed pictures of the repairs and indicated that they were done in-house by our welder/fabricator.
- C. Forklift and Skid Loader Replacement Update. Craig Hardy explained that the search for a forklift continues and that the skid loader replacement may be on hold for now due to the prices of and with the goal in mind of replacing the forklift.
- D. CTH H – Grove Street Update. Craig Hardy indicated that this project was now complete and the road is open. He also explained that the amount budgeted was \$62,000 and the actual cost came to \$63,143.29. The amount budgeted was based on estimated unit cost from the engineers prior to requesting bids. The actual as-bid unit costs were slightly different; therefore the actual cost was \$1,143.29 more than anticipated.
- E. ARRA CTH C Sneed Creek Bridge Update. Craig Hardy indicated that the Public Information Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 23rd. No one from the general public attended the meeting which is taken to mean there is no opposition to

this project. Also Craig has included some contingency funds in the 2010 budget for any county costs that may be incurred.

- F. ARRA CTH X – Linden Storm Sewer Update. Craig Hardy indicated that there is \$10,000 in contingency funds in the 2010 budget for this project as well.
- G. DOJ Radio Grant and RFP Proposal – Tabled until November. Craig Hardy told the committee that he applied for one mobile unit and one portable unit per the grant award. He will bring this back at the next meeting.
- H. EECBG Grant Request – Building Improvements. Craig Hardy discussed the grant program. He had Alliant Energy inspect the Upper Truck Building at the Dodgeville location and received an estimated cost saving of about \$13,000 per year by insulating this building. Craig is also in contact with Bloomfield Manor and the Sheriff's Office to add any other potential needs to this grant application. He should be receiving price quotes in the next week or so.
- I. Local Road Improvement Program – LRIP written response. Craig Hardy described the DOT's proposed changes to the administration of the Local Road Improvement Program. Craig's written response to the DOT opposes the proposed changes and he briefly explained his letter. The deadline to submit this letter to the DOT is November 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. John Meyers to send the letter as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- J. CTH HH Slope Repairs – Schedule. Craig Hardy passed around pictures showing the progress of the job and briefly described the schedule for completion. In addition, the potential for other projects similar in scope for CTH's HH, K, T, Q, and N in the future.

New Business:

- A. August 2009 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report. Jeri Grabbert reviewed the 2009 Financial Report noting that revenues were at 74% as of August 31 and expenditures were at 57% as of August 31, both reflecting positively compared to an average of 67% at the end of 8 months. Jeri pointed out that the third and final General Transportation Aids (GTA) payment was received today, October 5. Also in September we received about \$99,000 from Federal Highway Association (FHWA) for 2008 flood reimbursements. This revenue was not budgeted for 2009 therefore this is additional funds. Craig also pointed out that Local Force Account (LFA) revenues are included in the State Discretionary Maintenance Revenue and were not budgeted as well, again providing for additional funds.
- B. Review of the Highway Department tentative 2010 Budget and supporting documents. Craig Hardy gave a brief explanation of some changes that he is working on in the to-date budget. An updated amount of \$1,005,088.31 for the GTA funding for 2010 has been received and is higher than originally budgeted. This amount was added to County

Maintenance and County Construction to maintain the tax levy amount of \$1,953,195 as previously presented. Craig indicated that the Pit and Quarry Operations and the Bituminous Operations are still under review and he will have additional information on the indirect costing amounts at the next meeting. The final proposed budget will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.

- C. 18/151 Limited Access Study Alternatives. Craig Hardy discussed the spreadsheet presented which lists the preferred alternatives, differences, and the upcoming schedule. Also, an additional expense has been incorporated to the 2010 budget for SWRPC to assist the county with creation of traffic study maps to assist with understanding traffic patterns and determine the jurisdictional transfer for various roads as a result of the limited access 18/151 alternatives and proposed changes.
- D. Goods and Services Resolution – Lime Sales. Craig Hardy explained that our attorney was working on preparing a resolution to cover lime sales from the Iowa County Highway Department. He has not received the resolution yet. This item is tabled to the next meeting.
- E. WDOT release of LRIP Program for 2010-2011, TRIP, CHIP, and MSIP entitlements – Discretionary program delays and STP local Federal Aid 2011-2014 program delays. Craig Hardy explained that the Discretionary and the STP programs are delayed to Spring 2010. The LRIP cycle is in the process to solicit projects. The CHIP entitlement for 2010-2011 is \$136,723.13. This program cycles funding sunsets on June 30, 2015. The entitlement for townships is \$95,264 for a maximum number of participants of 7 and for the Villages and Cities it is \$38,504.
- F. Prevailing Wage Rate Summary Guidance. Craig Hardy reviewed a report from Senator Dale Schultz regarding the Legislative Bureau's understanding of the changes to the prevailing wage rate and the effective date of January 1, 2010.
- G. WDOT 2010 Proposed RMA. Craig Hardy reviewed the letter from WDOT regarding the changes to funding levels in the RMA's. Referring to the spreadsheet he noted that for Iowa County the funding levels would be reduced from \$1,506,200 in 2009 to \$1,303,900 in 2010, a reduction of 13.43%. He also noted that WDOT commented, they will review the funds used after the winter season and re-evaluate the activities to be performed utilizing the remaining balance of funds.
- H. Rosenbaum Land Contract and Amendment. Based on the agreement of the Rosenbaum Land Contract, the Highway Department is required to plant trees at the quarry along the property line. The property line extends 1200 feet and a tree is to be planted every 30 feet, requiring about 40 – 45 trees. A price quote was received for 45 trees. The choices for deciduous trees are elm, maple, linden, red oak, and for conifers are white spruce, red pine, and white pine. The committee asked that Craig also get another bid and suggested two other vendors that could be looked into. Craig noted that the planting must occur this fall to avoid any penalty for non-compliance with the contract. Craig also stated funding for the project would come from either the 313 Construction account or 311 Maintenance account.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer to have a total of 2 – 3 bids, take the low bid and Craig Hardy can proceed with the project. Motion passed unanimously.

- I. Machinery Storage. In prior years the Highway Department has stored 5 tractors and paint trucks at the fairgrounds. There had been previous discussion of using the buildings at the county farm for the 2009-2010 storage season. Craig Hardy will check with the fairgrounds to see if the equipment can continue to be stored there and at an equal or similar cost as in previous years.

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

- A. Sealcoat Discussion – CHT G – Test Section. Craig Hardy had 2 samples of aggregate materials used in sealcoating. One type is used by Iowa County at last year's cost of \$13,200 per mile and the other type is used by Lafayette County at last year's cost of \$11,800 per mile. CTH G from CTH E to Belmont includes a section in Iowa County and an adjacent section in Lafayette County. Over time, these 2 adjacent sections can be compared for quality of the products used, life of the road work, and length of time passed before needing additional work done. These factors will help determine the cost effectiveness in the long run of which sealcoat system is the most cost effective to use.
- B. Plowing Discussion. Craig Hardy told the committee of a solenoid-pressure type valve that hooks into the hydraulics to hold a snow plow blade up off the surface so it is not scraping the pavement, so as to extend carbide blade life. He is evaluating carbide blade life by variable test sections of differing materials to see about extending the life of the carbide blades and the road wearing surfaces (sealcoats).
- C. Asphalt Zipper Demo and Discussion. A physical demo was given to Highway Dept. personnel about 1 to 1.5 weeks ago. Craig Hardy handed out brochures and CD's to each committee member so they may see a demo of the equipment also. Craig noted that this piece of equipment may be used by/for other counties and become a revenue source. Craig commented the equipment is a newer type of machinery, which would allow more work to be done by our existing staff. However, he also warned them that factors other than the capitol equipment cost had to be questioned prior to purchasing this equipment. For example, the cost to replace a road after it is milled up are considerably more than the costs of the equipment and process to perform the milling. Therefore, not only does depreciation recovery have to be justified to purchase the machine, but also annual road capital replacement costs so as to determine a long-range funding plan. Craig will continue to research the costs and savings and provide more information at the next meeting.
- D. Truck Repairs - #157 Transmission; #118, 119, and 122 new Box Floors; Grader 366 Hydraulic Pump Replacement. Trucks #118, 119, 122 needed the boxes repaired because they had rusted out. The boxes were repaired in-house by the welder/fabricator at a cost of about \$600 in materials per truck. Grader 366 hydraulic pump is being replaced for about \$5,500 to \$6,000. Truck #157, a 1999 sterling, needs a new transmission. Two

quotes were received and the work will be done for the low quote of \$3,973.96 by Badger Truck Center, and second quote of \$5500 by Truck Country.

- E. Tire Bids and Award. Requests for bids were sent out to four tire companies. Don's Tires, Inc. and Pomp's Tire Service were the only two to respond with bids. Don's Tires, Inc. was awarded the bid. There is \$35,000 in the 2009 budget for tires and batteries.
- F. Quarry Permits – Pollution and Storm Water. The DNR had contacted Craig Hardy about a complaint they received about storm water discharge at the quarry. Through investigating the complaint, Craig found that there has not been storm water discharge at the quarry for 6 years. DNR will follow up with Craig after their investigation.
- G. 151 Millings. About 13,600 tons of millings have been hauled to the stockpile at the quarry. Prices for crushing will be requested.
- H. Fall Commissioner and Committee Members Meeting. The Southwest Regional Fall Meeting will be held on October 30 in LaCrosse. Craig Hardy will be attending. Craig asked that if any committee member is interested in attending also to let him know and registration will be taken care of from the office.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, October 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

By the way, the Packers lost.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert