

IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

November 30, 2009

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Court House Board Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Ron Berg.

Roll call was taken:

Committee members present: Sups. Bob Bunker, Ron Berg, Gerald Dorscheid, Ron Benish, Brad Wells, and John Meyers.

Committee members excused/absent: Sups. Mark Masters, Dave Bauer, and Larry Steffes.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy, Highway Office Administrator Jeri Grabbert, and Personnel Director Bud Trader.

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

Sup. Gerald Dorscheid moved for approval of the November 30, 2009 agenda and the October 26, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Sup. Ron Berg notified the committee of the resolution regarding the term of the Highway Commissioner that was on the next agenda for the Administrative Services Committee.

Motion to go into closed session was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid at 6:05 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to return to open session was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid at 7:10 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to deny Grievance #09-01 based on being untimely and without merit was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- A. Proposed revision to TRANS 206 – Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). Craig Hardy reviewed a letter from State Representative Steve Hilgenberg to WisDOT requesting reexamination of the proposed changes to TRANS 206 and to cross-check the proposed language with recommendations submitted by Iowa County Highway Department.

- B. Gafney-Gullickson Driveway Permit. Based on the approval of a driveway permit for Scott Gafney at the last Transportation Committee meeting, Craig Hardy received a call from adjacent property owner Todd Gullickson. Craig Hardy met with both Todd Gullickson and Scott Gafney and all agreed on a Type B driveway usage. Craig Hardy

recommended that the Transportation Committee rescind the driveway permit issued to Scott Gafney at the last meeting, repeal the driveway permit issued to Todd Gullickson, and approve the new driveway permit as a Type B usage.

Motion was made by Sup. John Meyers and seconded by Bob Bunker to approve the new driveway permit as recommended. 5 Ayes (Ron Benish, Bob Bunker, Gerald Dorscheid, John Meyers, Brad Wells), 0 Nays, 1 Abstain (Ron Berg). Motion carried.

- C. WCHA RMA Agreement Survey. Craig Hardy had requested a legal opinion from Corporate Counsel regarding the 2010 RMA agreement with DOT, which included 2 addendums. Craig Hardy distributed an e-mail response from Attorney William E. Morgan of Murphy Desmond S.C. as well as his understanding of Attorney Morgan's opinion. Based on the opinion, Craig is in favor of signing Addendum #1 and would not be in favor of signing Addendum #2.

Motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. John Meyers to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Base RMA agreement be signed, that Addendum #1 be signed, and that Addendum #2 not be signed. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Highway Access Control Ordinance Revision Discussions with Brigham and Moscow. As a result of conversations with the aforementioned townships, Craig Hardy proposed two changes to the Highway Access Control Ordinance. (1) He would like it to include that the landowner of legal access or the landowner who has an easement for legal access contiguous to the county trunk highway right of way, sign the application noting that they are aware of it and agree to it. (2) He would like the ordinance to include provisions stating that if the driveway is within the required number of feet from the property line for the type of access applied for, the adjacent landowner should be aware of the driveway application, and should be in concurrence with a shared driveway or to waive those rights.

Motion was made by Sup. John Meyers and seconded by Sup. Bob Bunker to proceed with creating the proposed ordinance changes and bring it back to this committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. CTH G – Mifflin Bridge Letting Results. The project was awarded to Radke Contractors from Winneconne with the low bid of \$408,903. There was an increase in unit prices above the estimates causing the 20% portion to be paid by Iowa County to be \$81,780. There is \$83,000 in the 2010 budget for this project.
- F. CTH C PS&E Deadline and Review. CTH C in the Town of Wyoming had submitted a project under the ARRA program with a deadline of December 1. Craig was notified today, November 30, that the project was approved and it will be scheduled for a March letting. The actual construction cost will determine what the county costs will be, the current budget is \$575,000 for the ARRA funding of the project.
- G. Asphalt Zipper Program Cost Analysis. Craig Hardy distributed a cost analysis he prepared. It includes restoration of low grade roads. He will be doing further evaluation of labor force costs. Other cities, villages and towns will want to rent labor and equipment, providing a revenue source to fund the equipment. The equipment will allow

for road repairs and upgrades rather than “band-aid” work. Surplus funds from the 2009 budget could be used to fund the purchase of this equipment.

- H. Dinsick Equipment Status. Craig Hardy and Corporate Counsel have notified the owner of a conveyor that has been at the quarry for a lengthy period of time that he must remove it from Iowa County property or it will be considered abandoned. The owner responded on November 13 stating that he would have it removed by Thanksgiving (Nov. 26). To date, it has not been removed. On December 15 the County will take possession of the conveyor if it is still at the quarry and it will be taken to auction.

New Business:

- A. October 2009 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report. Jeri Grabbert reviewed the 2009 Financial Report noting that revenues were at 85% as of October 31 and expenditures were at 79% as of October 31, both reflecting positively compared to an average of 83% at the end of 10 months. The year-to-date total revenue over expenditures is \$235,246.71.

- B. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Reports as of November 20, 2009. Jeri Grabbert reviewed the preliminary November report, pointing out that the State RMA revenues were estimates on this report.

- C. Resolution for County Aid Construction and Maintenance During Calendar Year 2010. Jeri Grabbert presented the annual resolution for the 2010 Highway Budget.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. John Meyers to submit the resolution to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- D. Resolution for Purchase of Highway Equipment. Jeri Grabbert presented the annual resolution for the 2010 Highway Budget.

A motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to submit the resolution to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Retro Accounts Receivable Billings and Possible Write-Off of Some Accounts. Jeri Grabbert explained that these retro billings are the result of the MOU Labor Agreement for 2009 wages. Jeri recommended writing off the Miscellaneous Accounts with balances under \$5.00 except for one account that is still outstanding. Jeri also recommended writing off an account in the amount of \$53.90 because it was paid through the debtor’s insurance company after several months of attempted collections on this account. The total amount recommended for write-off is \$68.35.

A motion was made by Gerald Dorscheid and seconded by John Meyers to write-off \$68.35. Motion passed unanimously.

- F. Lightning Strike Damage on August 31 to Fuel Pump System. Jeri Grabbert explained that an insurance claim for \$3,688.47 was submitted to the County Clerk for lightning

strike damage to the fuel pump system that occurred on July 27, 2009. Based on discussions with the County Clerk, the deductible is \$5,000, however, when the deductible was increase to \$5,000 in April 2007, there was some discussion of payment of amounts over the previous \$1,000 deductible to be paid from the General Fund due to the savings in premium costs. It was recommended to submit a request to the Administrative Services Committee for reimbursement on this claim.

A motion was made by Sup. Brad Wells and seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to submit the request for reimbursement from the general fund to the Administrative Services Committee and that an evaluation of better protection to the fuel pump system be done. Motion carried unanimously.

- G. Salt and Sanding Material Update. Craig Hardy informed the committee that all early fill orders were complete. There is about 3400 tons at the Dodgeville Shop location and all other sites are close to capacity.
- H. USH 151 Asphalt Milling Update. Craig Hardy informed the committee that we have been hauling the millings off the shoulders on 151 to the quarry as free material. There is currently about 21,000 tons in stock at a cost of \$3.17 per ton, anticipated production costs of \$2.25 per ton would bring the produced product to about \$5.42 per ton. Purchasing the material would be approximately \$6.50 to \$7.75 per ton dependent on the quarry source, providing for a savings of about \$25,000 to \$45,000 when fully utilized.
- I. Lime Sales Balance. There is about 16,200 tons of the lime by-product at the quarry, which is being sold at a price of \$2.75 per ton. Because this is a by-product this is all revenue.
- J. LRIP Update – TRIP, MSIP, CHIP. Four TRIP applications were received. There will be a meeting held on December 14. The total entitlement is \$95,260. MSIP applications total 7, with a total entitlement of \$35,000. One TRIP-D application was received.
- K. Winter Agreement – City of Dodgeville. Craig Hardy presented a plowing agreement with the City of Dodgeville that is entered into each winter. The agreement calls for maintenance responsibilities on public highways with shared jurisdiction between the City and the County, namely CTH YZ and CTH CH. The agreement expires April 1, 2010.

A motion was made by Sup. Bob Bunker and seconded by Sup. Ron Benish to sign the agreement and forward to the City of Dodgeville. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. WCHA Board of Directors Update. Craig Hardy reviewed the following areas of discussion. Conversations between Road Builders, AFSCME, and WCHA regarding prevailing wage rates, Dept. of Workforce Development (DWD) online registration for prevailing wages, Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP), Local Force Accounts (LFA), definition of road maintenance, and state transportation fund firewalls.

- B. Fall Commissioners Meeting Update. Craig Hardy, Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, and Sup. Ron Berg shared the discussions they participated in at the Fall Commissioners Meeting, including prevailing wage calculations in various situations.
- C. WCHA Winter Conference Agenda, Dates, Attendance. Craig Hardy informed the committee that the Winter Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells again this year and it will be on January 11, 12, and 13, 2010. Registration deadline is December 11. Any committee member interested in attending must notify Jeri Grabbert by noon Friday, December 4 in order to get registration fees paid by the deadline. Ron Berg noted that the conference is very informative and suggested it be mandatory that a couple of committee members attend each year.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, January 4, 2010 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 9:10 p.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert