

# IOWA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

**January 4, 2010**

The Transportation Committee met in the Iowa County Highway Department Conference Room in the City of Dodgeville on Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Larry Steffes.

Roll call was taken:

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

Committee members excused/absent: Sup. Bob Bunker.

Also present: Highway Commissioner Craig E. Hardy and Highway Business Manager Jeri Grabbert.

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

Sup. Ron Benish moved for approval of the January 4, 2010 agenda and the November 30, 2009 minutes. Motion was seconded by Sup. John Meyers. Sup. Ron Berg noted that the minutes needed correction on Highway Commissioner Report Item C stating that it was he (Ron Berg) rather than Sup. Ron Benish who noted that the conference is very informative and suggested it be mandatory that a couple of committee members attend each year. Motion passed unanimously with correction.

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

Sup. Ron Berg noted that a patch of black ice is regularly on the southbound lane of Hwy. 23 on Richardson's Hill. Craig Hardy indicated that is due to a spring. Sup. Ron Berg asked if the spring could be rerouted. Craig Hardy will submit a repair request to the DOT. In the interim, temporary signs will be posted warning drivers of the potential hazard, as it occurs.

## **Old Business**

- A. Driveway Access Control Ordinance Revisions. Craig Hardy identified the page and section numbers of the ordinance that were revised based on the discussions from the November 30, 2009 Transportation Committee meeting, Old Business Item D. The Ordinance has been revised to address landowner and permit issues recognized for projects having occurred in the towns of Moscow and Brigham.

Motion made by Sup. Ron Berg and seconded by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to recommend the revisions be passed on to the Board of Supervisors. Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Craig Hardy informed the committee of the Highway Employee Union's Notice of Intent to Arbitrate Grievance No. 09-01 to step 3 - Arbitration, which was heard by the committee at the November 30, 2009 meeting. The committee felt an executive session was not needed at this time.

- C. Executive Session did not occur so No action was taken.
- D. 18/151 Study. Craig Hardy reviewed the preferred alternatives for this project and noted that this was the time to provide any additional input. He explained that the Environmental Documentation would be the next phase, followed by Design Groups, and plans for construction during 2014 to 2016. Discussion took place on the impacts to the county, property owners, the bike trail, and restrictions in designated areas. Craig was asked to go back to the DOT to reemphasize the 191 relocation route from the CTYH Y intersection along the current CTH Y route to the proposed new interchange and routing of CTH ID from Barneveld to Ridgeway to be a more primary flow pattern.

Motion was made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer to continue CTH ID along the proposed layout of frontage roads from the Village of Barneveld to the Village of Ridgeway. And, to provide a recommendation to WDOT to skew the proposed CTH T overpass structure for the through traffic pattern of CTH ID. Motion passed unanimously.

**New Business:**

- A. November 2009 Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report. Jeri Grabbert reviewed the 2009 Financial Report noting that revenues were at 98% and expenditures were at 93% as of November 30, both reflecting positively compared to an average of 92% at the end of 11 months. The year-to-date total revenue over expenditures is \$118,227.43. A capital expenditure was incurred for \$7,900 for the purchase of a new forklift.
- B. December 2009 Preliminary Revenue and Expenditure Report. Jeri Grabbert reviewed the preliminary December report, pointing out that the State RMA revenues were estimates on this report. This report shows an estimated \$174,000 revenues over expenditures for year-end.
- C. Rate Changes per Machinery Management Committee. Jeri Grabbert explained how Doug Meek, DOT State Auditor, reviews and averages all counties and determines this rate annually. (a) Administrative Costs. Jeri explained that this rate is what the state allows for reimbursement of administrative costs. The rate will go down in 2010 to 4.04% compared to 4.25% in 2009 and 4.50% in 2008. Iowa County's actual rate is 3.96%. (b) Equipment Rates. Craig Hardy explained that these were calculated on a 5-year average, statewide. The net change in equipment rates for 2010 is a 7% increase for aggregate rates.
- D. Centurion Bike Event. Craig Hardy informed the committee that he had been contacted by Tim Hyland of the Madison Tourism and Convention Bureau of the plans for this bike event. It will include 25, 50, and 100 mile courses. The 100 mile course will be the only route into Iowa County on August 8, 2010 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon. The counties, villages, townships, and municipalities will be reimbursed for some of the costs incurred while assisting with the event. The event will host a main command center to dispatch the various law enforcement, emergency service, or highway department crews for the event. The event is planning on 2000 participants in the first year with limited national TV coverage. The sponsors hope to grow the event after the initial years to 3 or 4 times the number of initial participants. Some discussion ensued with regards to the

roadway conditions and the work required in advance of the events to fill in potholes, shape shoulder, inspect signage, etc. Craig Hardy advised Tim Hyland to use Sheriff Steve Michek as his point of contact for Iowa County. Sup. Ron Berg expressed concerns regarding practicing prior to the event and the impact on road use and closures without law enforcement and highway department.

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

- A. Snow Storm Dec. 8 – 10. Craig Hardy noted this snow storm was a 14-inch event. The costs associated to maintaining the state system were \$49,576.41 and the county system was \$83,200.84. Discussion of the 24-hour service hours for the state system maintenance took place. These amounts include labor, machinery, and material costs. Sup. Ron Berg asked about the issue of having an NWS recording station for these snow storm events in the county. Mark Masters advised Craig Hardy to check with Keith and Ken from the Emergency Management Office as to the process and status.
- B. Retained Fees RFP's. Craig Hardy presented the two (2) Requests for Proposals he has prepared for CAD software and Survey Grade GPS System, noting that they would be going out for bids next week. New employee Mark Thomas, who is a shared employee with LCD department (80/20 – LCD/Hwy), has been searching the archives for deed documents and plans for county roads and right-of ways. He has prepared a map showing those roads and right-of ways with plans and those without plans. The software systems that are being put out for bids will automate the process. The information will then be provided to Planning and Development department for GIS mapping.
- B. LRIP Update (MSIP, TRIP). Craig Hardy summarized the minutes of the MSIP and TRIP meetings. He discussed the project selections and the funding amounts for each as approved by the associated committees.
- C. CHIP Project Applications and Cost Effective Findings. Craig Hardy noted that at the WCHA December Commissioners Meeting there was discussion of the \$CHIP-D 1.6 million entitlement for the 9 counties in our region. Iowa County, Lafayette, Rock, and Dodge were given priority this year due to skipping the last two cycles. Craig presented a Funding Maximization Chart he prepared for CTH G under the CHIP program and CTH B under the CHIPD program. Craig recommended doing CTH B with a 3" asphalt mat at a cost of \$875,206 and CTH G with a 3½" asphalt mat at a cost of \$375,880, for a total cost of \$1,251,086. CHIP and CHIPD reimbursements would total \$567,450.13, for a net cost to the county of \$683,635.87. With a prior approved capital budget amount of \$879,933, this provides a revenue source of \$196,297.13. These costs were compiled assuming the use and purchase of the asphalt zipper by the county forces.  
  
Motion made by Sup. Ron Benish and seconded by Sup. Dave Bauer to approve the CHIP and CHIPD plans as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. General Transportation Aids Final Amounts. Craig Hardy received the final calculations for 2010 GTA funding in the amount of \$1,008,588.56. This is about \$3,500 more than the estimated amount received in September which was used for budgeting purposes. Therefore our actual GTA revenue will have a positive effect on our 2010 budget.

### **Additional Highway Commissioner Items.**

- A. Employee Don Ferrell retired effective December 30, 2009 after +/- 33 years of service to Iowa County Highway Department. Don was a State Patrolman at the time of his retirement.
  
- B. Carbide blade wear and use of hydraulic valves. Four plow trucks used on the 4-lane highways were set up differently to evaluate the wear and tear on the carbide blades. One truck was set up with the hydraulic valve, which held the weight of the blade above the road level. The evaluation determined the cost of replacing blades per number of miles plowed. The trucks without the valve used 2 to 3 times as many carbide blades as those with. The use of the hydraulic valve showed a cost savings on carbide life without a detrimental affect on the condition of the roads. The general consensus was to outfit the remaining state 4-lane trucks with a valve and test the same theories on the county system. Benefits should be seen on roadway surface life, reduction in carbide life, and associated costs savings.

The next regular Transportation Committee meeting is set for Monday, February 1, 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 8:35 p.m.

Minutes by Jeri Grabbert